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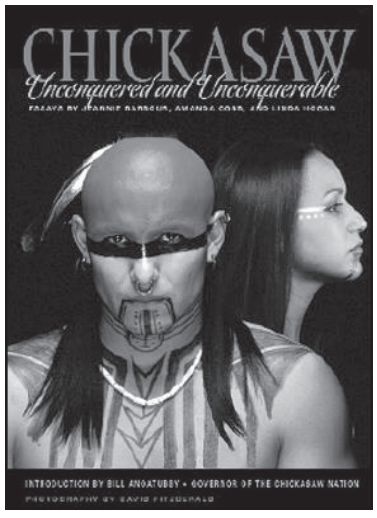
Harvard Honoring Nations program

Chickasaw Press cited as outstanding tribal initiative



A publishing operation designed to print literature of importance to Chickasaw people is being honored by Harvard University.

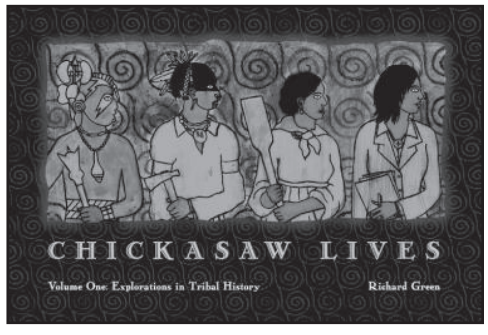
Representatives of the Harvard University Honoring Nations program recently informed Chickasaw Nation officials that the Chickasaw Press will be recognized as an outstanding example of tribal governance programs.

"We are very pleased that our efforts to promote and preserve Chickasaw heritage and culture are being recognized by such a highly respected organization," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

Two of the three books published by the Chickasaw Press since its establishment in 2005 have received extensive recognition.

The first book published by the press, *"Chickasaw, Unconquered and Unconquerable"* was a finalist for a 2007 Oklahoma Book Award in the Design and Illustration category.

The book also won two awards in the 11th Annual Independent Publisher Book Awards competition.



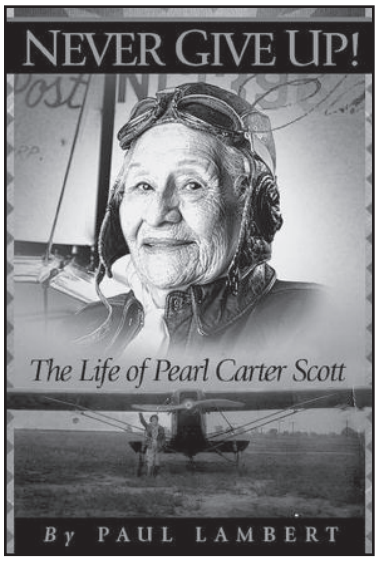
"Chickasaw" was named a gold award winner in the Multicultural Non-Fiction Adult category at the national level and won a bronze award in the Mid-West Best Regional Non-Fiction category.

A second organization PMA, The Independent Book Publishers Association, named "*Chickasaw"* a finalist for a Benjamin Franklin Award for interior design.

"*Chickasaw Lives: Explorations in Tribal History*" was named a finalist for a 2008 Oklahoma Book Award in the Design and Illustration category.

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham is administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture, which oversees operation of the Chickasaw Press.

"We are thrilled because recognition from the Honoring Nations organization is one of the highest accolades any tribal government can receive," said Dr. Cobb-Greetham. "This honor really confirms our belief that the Chickasaw Press is a very effective method of



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Gov. Anoatubby named Murray State Distinguished Alumnus

Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was recognized as a distinguished alumnus of Murray State College, during ceremonies June 7.

Dr. Noble Jobe, president of Murray State, presented the award to Gov. Anoatubby.

The positive impact of Gov. Anoatubby's leadership, Dr. Jobe said, had been felt in Tishomingo and throughout the state.

"Murray State College is part of the fabric of this community," said Gov. Anoatubby. "My teachers at Murray State College went beyond the text-

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Colbert, Tate, McCarter, Underwood

Hall of Fame inductees announced

A former tribal governor, a tribal elder dedicated to preserving Chickasaw culture, a state representative and a former tribal legislator will be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame during ceremonies 6:30 p.m., August 21 at Riverwind Casino.

Lisa Billy, a Chickasaw who represents District 41 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

"Each of these individuals has made significant contributions to the Chickasaw Nation and to the larger community," said Gov. Anoatubby. "It is our privilege to honor these individuals who have dedicated their lives to serving others."

The late **Winchester Colbert** distinguished himself as a tribal leader and diplomat during tu-

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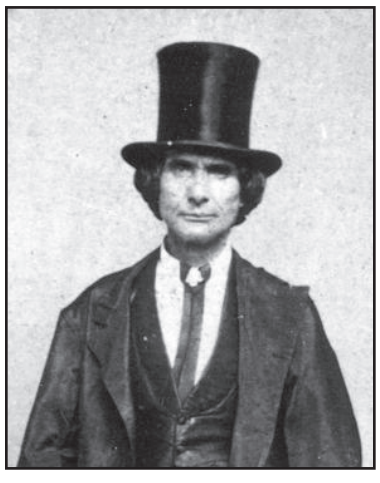
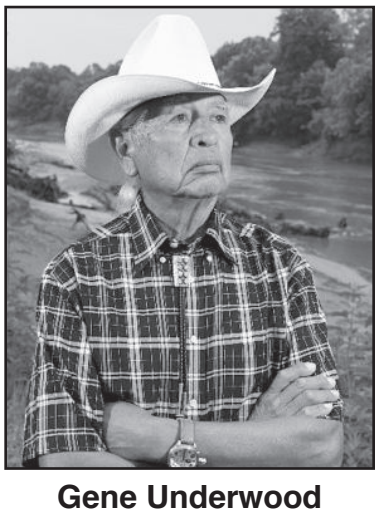


Winchester Colbert

Rep. Ray McCarter



Gene Underwood

Juanita Tate

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
May 16, 2008

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterlin, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Member absent: Tim Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Sue Simmons, Rita Loder, Larry Smith, Dana Hudspen, Kerri Tiger, Ashley Large, Tonya Bierce, Ashlee Palmer

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - March 24, 2008 (Tabled) April 18, 2008

A motion was made by Ms. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to take the minutes of March 24, 2008 from the table for consideration.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to take the minutes of March 24, 2008 from the table carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the minutes of March 24, 2008 and the minutes of April 18, 2008.

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott noted a spacing error on page six of the April 18, 2008 minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve the minutes of March 24, 2008, as presented, and the minutes of April 18, 2008, as amended.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2008, as presented, and the minutes of April 28, 2008, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Mr. Woods reported the committee met and discussed procedural rules and how resolutions progressed through the Legislature. He concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

Ms. Easterling reported that a budget presentation was given by the Executive Branch on the Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year 2009. The Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for June 26, 2008 at the Murray County Expo Center, in Sulphur, at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 25-046, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Ms. Rose Jefferson

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Rose Jefferson to fill the unexpired term of office held by Ms. Pauline Brown to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. Ms. Jefferson will take Ms. Brown's seat as the Commission's representative of the Pontotoc District, beginning on May 16, 2008, and ending on December 31, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR25-046.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-046 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-047, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Commissioners, of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Bill Johnson

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Bill Johnson to the Board of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. Mr. Johnson will fill a term of office ending on January 23, 2011.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-047.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-047 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-048, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation, Ms. Carla Miller

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Carla Miller to the Board of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. That term of office will expire on January 23, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Hartman to approve GR25-048.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-048 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-049, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Larry A. Ennis

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Larry A. Ennis to the Board of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. Mr. Ennis' term of office will end on January 23, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-049.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-049 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-050 Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Carlyle Hill

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Carlyle Hill to the Board of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. Mr. Hill's term of office will expire on January 23, 2009.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott and seconded by Ms.

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Make plans to attend Annual Meeting, Festival

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

It is most likely hot and steamy this time of year where most Chickasaws live. And while we are each dealing with the sun and the heat, it is not too early to save the date for this year's Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival.

This year will mark the 48th Annual Meeting and the 20th Chickasaw Festival. The Meeting and Festival will begin Saturday, September 27 and run through Saturday, October 4.

As usual, the week will kick off with the Junior Olympics on Saturday in Tishomingo. If you have not attended this fun event in the past, make plans this year to attend. This is a great event that showcases our youngest Chickasaw athletes in friendly competition. Our kids are great to watch on the track!

For our Chickasaw golfers, the first day of our annual events offers the opportunity to play on the terrific WinStar golf course. This is an exceptional 18-hole course that golfers of all skill levels will find fun and challenging.

As is traditional, Monday evening will be the time for the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant. This event is hosted at the Cougar Activity Center on the campus of Ada High School. We always have an outstanding group of young Chickasaw ladies seeking the titles of Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Junior Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw. If you have not attended this event before, you will be glad you made

Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

the decision to go this year.

This year also marks a special time and place for the annual Chickasaw Cultural Evening. In the past, this event has been conducted at Kullihoma. This year, we will be gathering at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. You won't want to miss this tremendous evening of Chickasaw culture, presented for the first time inside our new Cultural Center.

All during the week, our historic capitol city of Tishomingo will be the site of cultural demonstrations, art shows, arts and crafts displays and much more. During the week, we host many local school children who come to Tishomingo to discover more about the Chickasaw Nation. We have programs ready for the kids so they can have a great "hands on" experience.

Of course the final day of the weeklong celebration, Saturday, October 4, will kick off with the State of the Nation address, followed by the annual parade through downtown Tishomingo. We will then all gather for the traditional Chickasaw Lunch. You will enjoy the Chickasaw Dance Troupe as well as other cultural demonstrations.

It's not too early to plan your trip! If you have never had the opportunity to come and enjoy the Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival, make this your year to come. I guarantee you will have a wonderful experience filled with Chickasaw culture, fun, good food and great connections with fellow Chickasaws. You will definitely become reacquainted with old friends!

For more information on the 48th Annual Meeting and 20th Chickasaw Festival, please call the tribe's Annual Meeting and Festival organizers at 1 (800) 593-3356.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival!

Lighthorse special agent pleased to serve Chickasaw citizens, employees

Lighthorse Police Assistant Special Agent in Charge George "Ca-Te" Jesse

George Jesse, known better around the Chickasaw Nation as Ca-Te, has found his niche in the world.

In his position as Assistant Special Agent in Charge with the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department, Major Ca-Te Jesse says he serves the people he admires most: tribal citizens and employees. "It's the best of both worlds," he said, explaining he is able to work in his chosen profession and work amongst a group of people he considers "family."

"We are family at the Lighthorse Police, and employees of the tribe are like one big family," he said.

"I didn't choose this profession, it chose me, and with this position, I get to help not only other Chickasaws but other Native Americans."

When he received word in 2004 the Chickasaw Nation was re-establishing its police department, Jesse said he knew instantly he wanted to work for his tribe.

An enrolled citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, Jesse was one of the first five officers hired for the new department, and has worked for Lighthorse Police almost four years.

He served as a patrolman for more than a year and was promoted to special agent. He worked in that capacity until he was recently promoted to his current position, assistant chief.

"I have done about everything at Lighthorse Police," he said.

Jesse said he has had offers to work at other agencies, on the local, state and federal level, but he prefers to work for the Chickasaw Nation.

When he applied to work with the Lighthorse Police, he was pondering a move to North Dakota.

"I knew that wasn't right," he said.

His path changed, and led him to LPD.

"From day one when I walked in, I knew it was the right move. I have no regrets. Here you are treated like a person and not a number."

Born and reared in Sasakwa, Okla., northeast of Ada, Jesse graduated from both Bacone College, in Muskogee, Okla., and East Central University, Ada.

He earned an associates degree from Bacone and a bachelor's in criminal justice at ECU.

Jesse began his career in law enforcement directly out of college as a deputy with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. After two years at the sheriff's office, he was promoted to an investigator.

He has also attended advanced training including air assault school, drug investigations and interview techniques, and he is a member of the LPD dive team and SWAT team.

His current duties include supervising the patrol officers and dispatch.

"I make sure their needs are met," he said.

Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal said "Ca-Te" - which means "red" in Seminole - is a valuable leader for the Lighthorse Police Department.

"Not everyone is ready or willing to be a leader but Ca-Te tackles it effortlessly," Chief O'Neal said. "He is an active listener and communicates effectively. Ca-Te ensures department personnel take responsibility for their actions and acknowledges the contribution of team member's successes. He is looked up to as someone who is willing to take risks and remains calm under pressure."

Jesse is quick to explain that every member of the department plays a vital role in the department's success.

"When an investigation comes in, this department is different than any other," Jesse said. "Everyone in the department works as a team. Other agencies are in awe when they visit and see our team work."

Jesse said the secret to maintaining teamwork was to remember the department's beginnings when everyone had to pitch in to accomplish tasks.

"We had five patrolmen and four dispatchers when we started," he said. "We had to work together." He explained new officer candidates are selected largely on their ability to work with a team.

"Attitude and work ethic are both big deals on our selection criteria."

Jesse resides in Sasakwa with his wife, Jennifer, and their four children, Sean, 12, Kelly, eight, Dreannan, three, and Jacobi, two months.

In his spare time he likes to spend time with his children, golf, play softball and coach his kids' soccer team.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

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Re-entry program helps citizens with a "hand up"

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

Blink! And here's another season! We have been fortunate in that along with the high temperatures inherent in our part of the country we have had some rain. While it is true the rain has come in somewhat "deluge" portions, still it was rain and we did not blow away with it. So many parts of the country have had rains with devastating effects and our hearts and prayers go out to all those people in those areas.

Frequently we speak of the many programs available to us as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. But as we tell of the astounding opportunities available in education and the services we can count on in healthcare, we do not often discuss other resources available to us as Chickasaw citizens.

Last week we were given a presentation on a really worthwhile program available to Chickasaw citizens who would have the need for it. This is the "Re-entry Program" and it is for citizens who have been incarcerated and are nearing the end of their period of incarceration.

A great and very carefully planned formula has been worked out and implemented to do everything possible for those citizens. The aim is to ensure the success of their reentry into society as productive, self-sufficient citizens who are enabled to meet not only their needs but the needs of family or those who would depend on them.

Training, jobs, counseling and a continuing monitoring is all part of the effort to ensure the reentry of those citizens to once more become effective, self-respecting members of our communities. The program has some tough guidelines. Remember them in your prayers that success will be theirs.

Another service not frequently mentioned is the fact of our rehabilitation center for drug and alcohol offenders. This is a residential facility and we are thankful for the measure of success it achieves. We also have arrangements of reciprocity with several other tribes who have rehab facilities, as the need is great. This is possibly a sad commentary on the times in which we live. I am thankful we have the resources to provide assistance to those with the need.

Along with our physical health we have on staff psychiatrists and counselors to help all/any of us with emotional and/or mental health needs.

Beyond measure we are blessed with the services provided to us and I am ever mindful to remember and be thankful.

I wish all of you a safe summer and many blessings!

Linda Briggs

Waving colors bring to mind God, country and tribe

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Having just passed a second Memorial Day without my father, it causes me once again to think of the significance of the flag and the country for which my father fought as a young man during World War II.

July 4 is upon us, and the flags are still waving, speaking of the freedom for which our young men and women are fighting on foreign soils. We have in my mother's home a small replica flag that the 45h Division of the National Guard carried. In addition, there is a picture of a flag that my father helped capture during World War II that is on display in the museum for the 45th in Oklahoma City.

You see, flags mean a lot to me. My father meant a lot to me. He taught me how to be a respectful, hard working citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and our great state and country.

There other flags I think of that make me pause and reflect on their meaning. I recently attended the Sovereignty Symposium. Actually, this was my first Symposium to attend, and I can tell you that I would go back again just to see the flags that represent the tribes of Oklahoma as they were marched into the room. Each tribal dignitary carried his own flag accompanied by the sounds of native drummers. I had no idea this was a ceremony that took place annually.

When Barbara Warner, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, called out the names of each tribe and the dignitaries who represented each flag, I was in awe. Just to think that we have survived as native people and that each of those flags represents a sovereign nation made me so proud to be a part of our own tribe. How fortunate can we all be, to call ourselves a member of this wonderful tribe, the Chickasaw Nation.

My parents taught me to respect the flag of the United States, the flag of the Chickasaw Nation, and the flag of the 45th. The Oklahoma flag represents this wonderful state where I live. Another flag that I remember as a child is the Christian flag. We used to say the pledge of allegiance to the Christian flag and the flag of the United States of America during vacation bible school. I was taught as a child to be dedicated, to God and to country. That is what I have taught my children as well. When you next see our flag, the flag of Oklahoma, the United States, or the flag of the state where you may live, think about what that flag represents. Think about the liberties that we enjoy as Americans and the benefits we experience as members of our tribe. If you are like me, wear your red white and blue shirts this Fourth of July. You have a lot to be proud of.

I will be working on updating the blog at www.goforthparker.com <http://www.goforthparker.com> . Visit me there.

I look forward to your visits and your comments.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Chickasaw Legislator

Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Annual Meeting, Festival set for Sept. 27 - Oct. 4

Mark your calendars now for the 48th Annual Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and 20th Annual Chickasaw Festival, set for September 27 through October 4, 2008. Most events are hosted in Tishomingo, Okla.

For more information, log on to www.chickasaw.net.

Tribal flags on display during the June Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City.

Budget time at the tribe; CNHS staying busy

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee!

It is budget time in the Chickasaw Legislature and our public hearing on next year's budget is June 26 at the Murray County Expo Center in Sulphur. Please come join us at 6:30 p.m. Committee Chair Holly Easterling and the Budget Committee have been hard at work crunching numbers for Fiscal Year 2009.

At the June Committee of the Whole meeting, the Legislature was treated to a presentation of a program designed to assist Chickasaws who have been incarcerated to be reintegrated into the community. The reentry program assists the clients in learning life and work skills, provides a healthy living environment, provides a temporary full time work situation and placement assistance for a permanent work situation.

The program hopes to be located in Sulphur with offices and dormitory or apartments. Sulphur is centrally located within the Chickasaw Nation and a lot of the work situations are located at the Chickasaw-owned Drake Farms right next door in Davis.

The Legislature is enthusiastic about the program and certainly supports its intentions. The program appears to have assembled a quality and professional staff. We wish the best of luck to the program and especially its clients.

Health System Administrator Bill Lance reports the following statistics: for the month of May, 2008, there were 202 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 18,658. May Emergency Room visits were 982. May saw 268 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,668 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,192 patients in May. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,784 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,881. The Durant Clinic saw 2,517 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 2,151 in May. We like it when the statistics go down from the month before, because it means less health care services were required.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next month, thank you!

Summer is busy time, but remember to register and vote

Katie Case
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Dear Friends,

Summer, with its baseball, softball, swimming, watermelons, parades, festivals, fireworks and all sorts of fun, is here! Summer is also election season!

When you read this edition of the *Chickasaw Times*, the July 7th deadline for voter registration may have come and gone. If not, you can get registered by calling the election commission at 1-888-661-0137 or (580) 310-6475. If you have the slightest doubt about your being registered, you can call the election commission to confirm that you are indeed registered. One of the signs that you are registered is if you receive a copy of *the Chickasaw Times* via U.S. mail at your home, in your name.

The ballots will be mailed out on Monday, July 14 and the deadline for having the ballots back for counting is just a short 15 days later on July 29. Please return yours quickly.

The right to vote is many things at once. Voting is our privilege and our responsibility. It is, in fact, your voice in government. As my grandpa used to say, "If you don't vote, you can't gripe."

Typically, only 2,800 to 3,300 of the nearly 10,000 registered voters of the Pontotoc District will cast ballots in a legislative election. Roughly only one-third of the registered voters participate in the elections of officials who decide important issues effecting our Nation, our families and our friends.

I am convinced that more voters increase the likelihood that the true will of the people will be expressed.

Please participate in our government. Please vote. We will be a better and stronger nation with your participation.

Respectfully,

Katie

Many Chickasaws attend Portland gathering

Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma,

I hope you are enjoying this wonderful summer. It has been nice to meet many of you, while attending Chickasaw Gatherings held around the country. Due to the recent loss of my father, Don Leake, I was unable to attend the Bakersfield, California meeting. Thank you for all the prayers cards and calls. These have been a comfort and a reminder of how important friends and family are.

This month's article was written while I was in Portland, Oregon attending the gathering of Chickasaw Citizens. We were all surprised to see so many Chickasaws in the area. **This month's gathering will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, July 19th.** If you have not gone to one of these events, please make plans to do so. Not only will you learn about the different services offered by the tribe, but you will meet other Chickasaws. As Tribal elections fast approach, I want to stress the importance of voting and how it relates to the Legislative Branch. Since 1983, elections have been held every three years for the legislative seats in each district. These positions are filled by **YOU**, the Chickasaw Citizen. Your vote, which is your voice, dictates who will serve as a tribal lawmaker and representative. Your vote is important! Do not be guilty, of letting others make the decision for you. Participate in the present and future of our tribe by exercising your right to vote.

May the grace and peace of our Lord be with you all,

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Court Development Ad Hoc Committee
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Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee
June 16, 2008
Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

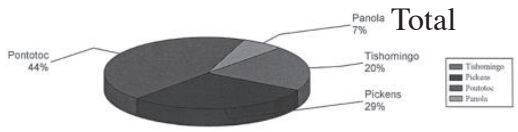
Human Resources Committee
June 9, 2008
Present: Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Land Development Committee
June 9, 2008
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
Absent: Holly Easterling

Legislative Committee
June 16, 2008
Present: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,595	Pontotoc	9,900
Pickens	6,599	Panola	1,509
		Total	22,603



Tribal education efforts reach out to all Chickasaws

Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We all know education is a cornerstone of our efforts at the Chickasaw Nation. Improving a Chickasaw's education provides him or her with the important tools needed to live a great and fulfilling life, and be a great contributor to our tribe and to society.

At the tribe, we are reaching out with educational programs for Chickasaws pre-school, elementary, secondary, vocational, collegiate, post-graduate and adult levels. We are touching every age group of Chickasaws with educational opportunities that are making great differences in people's lives!

One way the tribe is helping is with child care assistance. This may not sound like a traditional education program, but it has many positive impacts. If Mom and Dad are working or attending school, they can receive child care assistance so they can fulfill their responsibilities. Currently, about 175 families are receiving the assistance.

We know reading is a talent that, developed properly, is a fundamental building block for success in life. We currently have about 80 children participating in the Chickasaw Nation Reading Program, and most of those are from At-Large families. We also have 12 Chickasaw children receiving the extraordinary High Reach Curriculum.

At the elementary and secondary levels, the tribe reaches out in a big way with the Chickasaw Honor Club. This great program recognizes our students who have achieved all A's, all A's and B's or perfect attendance. On average, over 1,000 Chickasaw and Indian students are recognized and rewarded monthly for their achievements. This is really motivating a lot of our students!

Also on the elementary and secondary levels, a few high-achieving students are recognized monthly as our "Outstanding Achievement Students." You will read about these terrific students each month in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Many Chickasaws choose to learn a trade or vocation through a vocational or technical school. We are assisting these students with grants as well as with the important licenses and certifications they must often achieve upon graduation.

It is so gratifying to see our Chickasaw college population steadily increasing. We know these young men and women are truly our leaders of tomorrow. We support our college students and are continually following up with our retention events. These events help our specialists stay in touch with our students and help them with issues that arise. Our goal is to see every Chickasaw who begins college graduate!

Of course, we are always helping our adult students seeking their GEDs. This is a very important step in an adult's life, and currently we have about 100 adult Chickasaws participating.

One quick note on a very special education program. We are very happy to report we have about 25 children participating in our Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) program. The kids are enjoying great experiences as they weave our language into their lives. This is wonderful!

Thank you for all the support of our education programs. We appreciate your love of education!

Girl who grew up in Chickasaw White House to visit again - as a bride

Chickasaw citizen Rana Gilpin married Keith Knight on the steps of the Chickasaw White House in Emet, Okla., on June 28. Ms. Gilpin lived in the White House as a child after her family's home was destroyed by fire. (Photo courtesy Guyla Hart)

EMET, Okla. - For over 110 years, the Chickasaw Nation White House, located in Emet, has served as host for many important Chickasaw events. It seems this tradition will continue. Rana Gilpin, of Tishomingo, chose to be married on the Chickasaw White House front steps on June 28, 2008.

Ms. Gilpin grew up in Emet and is deeply rooted in her Chickasaw heritage. When she was five, her family's house burned down. The Chickasaw Nation opened the doors of the White House to her family. The family shared the historic home with another family for about eight months while a new home was being built.

Though she was very young, Ms. Gilpin still has vivid memories of playing on the wrap-around porch of the White House.

"I remember riding my bike around the porch," she said. "It was so big that all of us could play on it at the same time."

Ms. Gilpin said that while she felt at home in the White House, there were still places that were off limits.

"There was a doll house that was an exact replica of the White House up at the very top of the stairs," she said, "I wanted to play with it so bad!"

Her mother, in an effort to keep the house as intact as possible, was very protective of the artifacts in the house.

"But eventually I sneaked upstairs and played with it anyway," she said.

On Easter, her extended family gathered at the White House for a huge egg hunt.

"The lawn is so huge that it was perfect for hiding and hunting Easter eggs," she said.

Long after her family moved into their new house, Ms. Gilpin still holds the memories she made at the Chickasaw White House dear,

"That house definitely holds a big place in my heart," she said, "that's why it's so perfect to get married there."

Ms. Gilpin will join a list of dignitaries and political figures who have been married in the same location, including Oklahoma Governor William E. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray.

Ms. Gilpin thought such an important landmark would be a challenge to use for her wedding, but she tried anyway.

"When I called, I honestly expected a 'no'," she said, "but they were so welcoming and excited that I wanted to have my wedding there.

"When they said 'yes,' I was almost as excited as when I got my engagement ring!"

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

School-To-Work

The Chickasaw Nation School-To-Work program is now accepting applications from dedicated and committed persons who…

- Are a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation…and
- Possess a high school diploma or state equivalent… and
- Are willing to attend an accredited vocational school or university full time… and
- Are capable of maintaining a GPA of 2.0 or better… and
- Are eligible for federal funding, and/or Chickasaw Nation Higher Education/ Vocational scholarships and/or grants…
- Applicants must be willing to actively pursue higher education goals while fulfilling all requirements and responsibilities of their on the job training.

Prospective applicants can contact the Chickasaw Nation Human Resources Department at (580) 436-7259.

June 2008 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 25-056

Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore County

Tribal Tract 725

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Shale Royalties 5, Inc., 15660 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75248. Shale Royalties 5, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $595.00 per acre for a total bonus of $11,900.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2,975.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in and to: the E½NE¼SE¼ and the E½SE¼NE¼ of Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 24 East, LeFlore County, Oklahoma, containing 40.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $60.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $15.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: LeFlore County, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-057

Oil and Gas Lease in Coal County

Tribal Tract 10

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Somerset Lease Holdings, Inc., 15660 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75248. Somerset Lease Holdings, Inc. Somerset Lease Holdings, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $9,100.00 per acre for a total bonus of $93,002.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $23,250.50, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in the East 20.44 acres of Lot 1 in Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 10 East, together with all accretions or erosions thereto and subject to subordination rights, Coal County, Oklahoma, containing 20.44 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $30.66, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $7.67 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-058

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Pontotoc County Oklahoma, described as A tract of land lying in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Four (4) North, Range Eight (8) East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 10.01 acres more or less.

Property Location: Pontotoc County

Use: Expansion of Kullihoma Tracts

Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-059

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County Oklahoma, described as a tract of land lying in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) and a Tract in the West half (W/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4), being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest Corner (NW/Cor.) of said West Half (W/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4); Thence S 89º57'08" E along the North line of said West Half (W/2) of said Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) a distance of 661.54 feet to the East line of said West Quarter (W/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4); Thence S 00º00'43" E along the East line a distance of 708.70 feet to the centerline of the abandoned M&P Railroad; Thence N 57º54'13" W along said centerline a distance of 781.07 feet to the West line of said West Half (W/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4); Thence N along said West line a distance of 294.24 feet to the Point of Beginning, all in Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 8 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 17.63 acres, more or less.

Property Location: Pontotoc County

Use: Expansion of the Kullihoma Tracts

Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by:

Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 25-060

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County Oklahoma, described as Lots 1 and 2, in Block 217, City of Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: City of Sulphur

Use: Re-entry Program

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-061

Correction to General Resolution Number 18-062

Highway Right-Of-Way Easement in McClain County

Explanation: This resolution corrects the legal description for the Highway Right-Of-

*See **Resolutions,** page 45*

2007-2008 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Chickasaw officer cited for heroic actions in Korea

Maj. Raymond Harvey, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

President Harry Truman stepped up to the microphone in the White House Rose Garden, bordering the Oval Office, and said: "It is a privilege to perform this ceremony." Standing in a row next to the President were four soldiers, standing ram-road straight with eyes forward, looking as serious and dignified as possible because they were about to receive this nation's highest award for battle-field valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

As the ceremony began at precisely 12:15, it was a typical Washington, D.C. summer day. Already hot and sultry, the men stood in the bright sunlight, sweating freely in their heavy uniforms.

The first soldier to receive the Medal of Honor was Captain Raymond Harvey, the first (and still only) Chickasaw to receive the award. He had grown up in Sulphur and graduated from an Oklahoma City high school. Harvey is one of three American Indians to receive the award during the Korean conflict.

The President read the citation, briefly describing the captain's actions on Hill 1232 in Korea, then hung the medal, blue-starred ribbon with gold pendant, around Harvey's neck. As Truman shook his hand and congratulated him, Harvey smiled for the first time and thanked the president. Then, he glanced out toward his invited guests in the audience.

About 50 people attended the ceremony, a combination of friends and family members and Department of Defense brass, including General of the Army, Omar N. Bradley.

When the other three soldiers had received their medals, Truman read from a prepared text. He said he had awarded more Medals of Honor than all the rest of the Presidents combined. He wasn't bragging or lamenting; it was just an unvarnished statement of fact typical of the plain-spoken Truman.

He called these young men, the "backbone of the government" and men like these four are the "reason we will win the Cold War" and why "this Republic of ours will continue to endure." They "stand out for the welfare of this country, always."

Then, Truman made a remarkable statement. He said he "would much rather have that Congressional Medal of Honor than to be President." Those who knew that Truman fought on the Western Front during World War I probably understood that he was not exaggerating.

Just as a president of the U.S. is forever afterward identified by that title, a Medal of Honor recipient is treated in a similar fashion. A life-altering event, receiving the medal assured that never again would Raymond Harvey be introduced or referred to without the Medal of Honor appellation.

We don't know if such thoughts crossed Capt. Harvey's mind during that momentous ceremony. But because he was well aware of his Chickasaw heritage, he would have known and appreciated that the recognition by his peers as a soldier during World War II and Korea had earned him a place in his tribe's proud warrior tradition.

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Raymond Harvey was born in Ford City, Pennsylvania on March 1, 1920. His father, Frank Harvey was in the construction business. His mother, Fannie Thomas Harvey was born in the Chickasaw Nation near Nebo. The family relocated to his mother's hometown of Sulphur, OK in 1924.

Fannie's parents were Folsom Thomas, apparently a full-blood Chickasaw from the Tishomingo area, and Liddy Thomas, a white woman. They were married near Buckhorn in 1889. Unfortunately Folsom died shortly before Fannie was born that same year, 1889. This information was provided by Chickasaw Nation genealogist Amber Underwood, who told me that little more is recorded about Fannie's parents or her, including when and where she met her husband.

Their son, Raymond, attended schools in Sulphur, but graduated from high school in Oklahoma City in 1939. Given that the Harvey's left Sulphur more than 70 years ago, it is not surprising that virtually no one there remembers him or her family.

MAJ. RAYMOND HARVEY

In fact, I was contacted last April by a Sulphur resident, asking if I had information on Harvey. Roland Earsom, a former president of the Arbuckle historical Society of Murray County, said that he had been informed that Raymond Harvey had received a Medal of Honor and the museum staff wanted additional information and photos for an exhibit. This was news to me, but I told Earsom I would be glad to research it.

First, I contacted a few well-connected Chickasaw elders and military veterans but none of them had heard of Harvey. Most of this information about him was obtained on Internet websites, like the Congressional Medal of Honor website. I was disappointed but not surprised to learn that he was deceased; he had died in Arizona in1996.

Family names were provided but not contact information and I was unable to locate any surviving family members. I used web sources and newspaper accounts to piece this together.

Harvey enlisted in the Army after graduating from high school in August 1939. His enlistment may have been simply the next step in his life or he might have believed that a world war was coming. Hitler's Third Reich was invading neighboring countries but World War II would not start for another year and America's involvement in the war was more than two years in the future.

And it would not be until June 1944 that Harvey found himself in the kind of battle-field circumstances that permitted him to begin building his amazing record as a combat solider. From then until the war ended in Europe in May 1945, he was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross, which is second only to the Medal of Honor and recognizes extreme gallantry while risking one's life in a combat situation against the enemy. He also was awarded other prestigious combat medals including two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

What these medals suggest is that Harvey was a soldier who in combat situations was truly on a mission, repeatedly risking his life and getting wounded, while fighting with such skill, ferocity and cunning that he was able to achieve his objective of killing the enemy, moving forward and surviving.

Combat produces a level of excitement that is addictive to some soldiers, and Harvey likely was among them. Although he was discharged after the war ended in 1945, he didn't remain a civilian for long. He joined the Army Reserves in 1947 and was recalled to active duty in 1948.

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When amphibious forces of the Seventh Division landed at Inchon, North Korea, in September 1950, Capt. Harvey was among them. As the men pushed inward from the beach, they met stout resistance. Harvey distinguished himself by fighting with exceptional bravery and skill and there was talk about a possible Silver Star in the offing. At any rate, Harvey was given command of Company C of the 17th Infantry Regiment just before the Chinese Army invaded Korea by crossing the Yalu River in the fall of 1950.

With the Chinese army advancing, Capt. Harvey obeyed an order to retreat, an action that doubtless ran counter to his instincts and personality. But within two months the Eighth Army returned to the offensive, and C Company, under Harvey's command, gained a reputation for aggressiveness that reflected his leadership.

Accordingly, C Company was the lead unit on March 9, 1951, in the battalion's attack on Hill 1232 overlooking the city of Taemi-dong. The North Koreans, well dug-in and armed, were determined to stop the Americans from breaching their line and in fact soon had Harvey and his company pinned down with barrages of machine gun fire.

If discretion was the better part of valor in this situation, the objective would have been

*See **Raymond Harvey,** page 43*

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Morgan named interim Chickasaw Gaming Commissioner

Matthew L. Morgan

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby named Matthew L. Morgan interim Gaming Commissioner for the tribe effective June 2.

"Matthew has the experience, integrity and energy necessary to meet the demands of this position," said Gov. Anoatubby. "He understands the need for effective regulation and has proven he has the knowledge and sound judgment needed to achieve that goal."

The Gaming Commissioner serves as the primary regulator of the Chickasaw Nation's gaming operations. Profits from those operations exceeded $414 million in FY 2007.

Mr. Morgan has worked as in-house legal counsel and policy advisor to the Chickasaw Nation for the past seven years. He has served as an Assistant General Counsel with the Chickasaw Nation's Justice Department, the General Counsel with the Office of the Gaming Commissioner and the Chief Government Relations Officer with the Division of Commerce.

Work of the gaming commissioner includes making and publishing regulations dealing with employment, licenses, fees and other aspects of the business.

The commissioner also works with the comptroller to design procedures to prevent theft and ensure the integrity of gaming operations.

In addition to his employment with the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Morgan currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the National Indian Gaming Association. He is Chair of the Indian Law Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is a past Chair of the Chickasaw Bar Association and previously served as president of the American Indian Alumni Society of the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Morgan is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the OU College of Law and a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree with a minor in Native American Studies from the OU Price School of Business.

The Chickasaw Nation operates more than a dozen casinos and gaming centers. Those operations include two of the largest casinos in Oklahoma, Riverwind Casino near Norman and WinStar World Casinos in Thackerville.

Mr. Morgan is a descendent of Chickasaw original enrollees, Nancy Roberts and Bina Underwood and Choctaw original enrollees, Osborne Harris and Mattie Wallace. He is the grandson of Tom and Lora Morgan and R.L. (Dutch) Heck and Mary Heck and the son of Doyle and Marilyn Morgan.

He is happily married to the former Candessa Tehee, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and the couple resides in Ada, Oklahoma with their three children, Jolie, Kelsey and Lawson Morgan.

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK
(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Business net income consistent despite food, fuel price spikes

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending May 31, 2008

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $65.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $4.8 million for the month and $37.2 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $92.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for May totaled $66 million and $479 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $22 million for the month and $157 year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $52 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At May 31, 2008, the tribal government funds had $94 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $12.4 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $239 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of May 31, 2008, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $875 million with $197 million in payables resulting in net assets of $678 million compared to $604 million at September 30, 2007or an increase of $74 million from, the end of fiscal year 2007.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2008

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	5,611,249	479,892,792	485,504,041
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		59,708,675	(59,708,675)	-
Total funds available		65,319,924	420,184,117	485,504,041
Expenditures				
General government		5,914,531		5,914,531
Legislature		1,039,622		1,039,622
Judiciary		521,975		521,975
Education		6,641,003		6,641,003
Heritage Preservation		2,218,734		2,218,734
Health		7,476,867		7,476,867
Youth and Family Services		4,000,482		4,000,482
Nutrition Programs		1,974,614		1,974,614
Regulatory		3,369,216		3,369,216
Assistance Programs		4,100,484		4,100,484
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			244,932,357	244,932,357
Other businesses' expense			122,335,257	122,335,257
Total expenditures		37,257,528	367,267,614	404,525,141
Increase in net assets		28,062,396	52,916,504	80,978,900
Beginning net assets		241,002,527	356,143,800	597,146,327
Ending net assets	$	269,064,923	409,060,304	678,125,227

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
May 31, 2008

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	94,331,652	239,621,779	333,953,431
Receivables		722,621	18,260,439	18,983,060
Inventory			5,299,177	5,299,177
Prepaid expenses			12,969,300	12,969,300
Other Assets			28,201,633	28,201,633
Fixed assets		174,223,629	302,085,187	476,308,816
Less payables		(212,979)	(197,377,213)	(197,590,192)
Net Assets	$	269,064,923	409,060,304	678,125,227

Tribal Culinary Arts Academy contributing to 'delicious' career training

Members of the Chickasaw Nation Culinary Arts Academy at the Chickasaw Nation Re-Entry Workshop on May 31. From left, Roy Stidham, Tammy Hines, Marie Roth, Jo Day and worksite coordinator Joyce Engle.

Chickasaw Nation Culinary Arts Academy participant Denise Washburn cleans the Academy kitchen after lunch.

From the moment you enter the Chickasaw Nation Culinary Arts Academy, the air of hospitality is as obvious as the smell of the food.

Since early 2007, the Academy, part of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Program Operations, has been an avenue for Chickasaw citizens to improve their skills and boost their value as employees.

"We're here to help," said worksite coordinator Joyce Engle

The crew at the Academy consists of participants who have been referred by the Career Development Initiative or Re-Entry program and Summer Youth Program participants. Additionally, there are three regular employees currently on staff who have been hired by the Academy after completing the program.

Besides the basic job skills learned in order to transition into the work force, students learn valuable lessons in interpersonal skills and customer service.

While completing the three-month program, the participants are also encouraged to complete their high school diploma or obtain their GED.

After the completion of the curriculum, the participants have the opportunity to further their educations in the culinary arts. The Culinary Arts Academy has a partnership with Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee in which the college counts the Academy completion as five credit hours towards a culinary arts degree.

"It's been really good working here," said participant Denise Washburn, of Ardmore. "When I came, I barely knew how to cook at all.

"They make it fun to learn, it never gets boring around here."

Engle said that it was amazing to see the transformation in the participants.

"You really see their lives change," she said. "A lot of the time, they come in here with very low self-esteem and leave knowing exactly what they can do and how valuable they are."

The participants aren't the only ones who benefit from the Academy. Since the facilities are located on the Carter Campus along with the Ardmore-area Wellness Centers, Senior Sites and Nutrition Services office, Chickasaw Nation employees and elders enjoy it as well.

With $3 lunch for Native Americans or tribal employees and breakfast at $2 per person, the Academy has quickly become a hit.

"We have elders who come in on a daily basis," said Engle. "Some sit and socialize even after we've all cleaned up."

Along with serving about 200 diners every day, the Academy caters various Chickasaw Nation events and provides lunch for the workers at Chickasaw Farms in Davis, Okla. The Academy has even been known to treat the elders to breakfast before they leave for one of their many field trips.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Culinary Arts Program, contact Engle at (580) 222-2842.

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Cultural, spiritual elements included

Tribal Re-Entry program offers renewal, purpose

A new program developed by the Chickasaw Nation provides former offenders leaving a correctional facility hope for a successful future.

The re-entry program provides employment, housing, transportation and other services needed to ease an individual's transition into society - and reduce the chances of returning to prison.

"Re-entry is renewal," said program director Ron Parker. The goal of the program, Parker said, is to help the participants find a purpose in life.

"The most important person in the process is the participant," Parker said. "It takes honesty, effort and will to build respect for themselves and others."

Jimmy Shipley, transition coordinator for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, spoke about the relatively new field during a re-entry workshop conducted by the Chickasaw Nation May 30.

"I watched too many men come back time after time," Shipley said. "It seemed like we were just warehousing people."

Shipley works with high risk offenders for six months prior to their release from prison.

"If we don't work with the released offender, we're not protecting the public like we should," he said.

In Oklahoma alone, 600 to 700 offenders are released from custody of the state Department of Corrections each month.

Almost 25 percent return to prison within three years. Almost 40 percent return to prison within four years.

Daryl Legg, a former inmate, who now works with the Cherokee Nation re-entry program, spoke about his feelings of isolation after being released.

Sentenced to prison for selling illegal drugs, Legg was emotional as he spoke of feeling like an outsider everywhere he went.

The Chickasaw Nation program strives to help participants address mental health, substance abuse, family relationships, cultural and spiritual issues important to enhancing the quality of life.

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Road to Work offers public transportation to rural commuters

Chickasaw Nation employee Kay West boards the bus for the trip home.

EAST ROUTE

6:00 a.m. - Leave **Ada**

6:20 a.m. - Arrive at Chickasaw Nation Housing complex, 30608 CR 1478 in **Allen**

6:25 a.m. - Leave **Allen**

6:50 a.m. - Arrive at Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 106 4th Street in **Tupelo**

6:55 a.m. - Leave **Tupelo**

7:15 a.m. - Arrive at Chickasaw Nation Housing complex, 23961 CR 1634 in **Stonewal**l

7:20 a.m. - Leave **Stonewall**

7:35 a.m. - Arrive in **Ada**

5:00 p.m. – Begin collecting riders in **Ada** for return trip

SOUTH ROUTE

5:30 a.m. - Leave **Ada**

6:00 a.m. - Arrive at Chickasaw Nation senior site, 6700 N. Hwy. 277 in **Connerville**

6:15 a.m. - Leave **Connerville**

6:45 a.m. - Arrive at Chickasaw Nation senior site, 401 E. Oklahoma in **Sulphur**

7:00 a.m. - Leave **Sulphur**

7:30 a.m. – Arrive in **Ada**

5:00 p.m. – Begin collecting riders in **Ada** for return trip

A new program offered by the Chickasaw Nation provides a low cost alternative to rural commuters dealing with rising gas prices.

The Road to Work program offers transportation to and from work for people in south central Oklahoma.

"The lack of transportation has always been a barrier to employment," said Angie Gilliam, Chickasaw Nation Transportation Director. She added that transportation has become even more of an issue due to rising fuel prices.

The program is open to the public for a nominal fee.

Currently, two bus routes are offered.

One route serves Ada, Allen, Tupelo and Stonewall.

A second route serves Ada, Connerville and Sulphur.

Routes could be expanded to serve commuters in other areas according to Ms. Gilliam.

"Routes are not set in stone," she said. "If we have enough interest, we will establish more routes."

Based on level of interest, routes could be established to serve areas including WinStar World Casinos in Thackerville, Bedré Chocolates and the Wal-Mart Distribution center in Pauls Valley and the Riverwind Casino in Goldsby, among others.

Buses pick riders up at a central location in each community and stop at the work place of each rider.

Buses currently begin picking up riders at 5 p.m. each day for the trip home after work.

Rick Miller, Road to Work program manager, oversees the program.

Riders should call between 10 a.m. and noon to reserve a seat for the following day.

Cost of the service is $1 each way for Chickasaws and $2 for others.

Riders should provide exact change.

For information, to reserve a seat or to request service in your area, call 1-800-492-2115.

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Tribal 'detectives' restoring Indian cemeteries in Chickasaw Nation

Detective work is not just for solving crimes. The members of the Chickasaw Nation Cemetery Archiving Program crew spend hours investigating the lost, overgrown and forgotten gravesites of their Chickasaw ancestors.

The program is a branch of the Career Development Initiative/ Re-Entry program promoted by the Chickasaw Nation. It gives convicted felons the opportunity to earn valuable experience in a work environment. Skills and references provided by the program are extremely helpful when the participants re-enter the work force.

"This program works," said project supervisor Steven J. Moore. "It's the best hand up we can get."

Moore is a former participant in the re-entry program and is now an employee of the Chickasaw Nation.

The crew, consisting of Moore, archivist Francis "Jock" Cobley, and archivist and photographer Bobby Cass, work daily researching, seeking and uncovering graves that are unmarked or overgrown.

"We are very fortunate to be able to uncover some of the truth from the past," said Cobley.

Using everything from library archives to tips from local residents, the crew enlists tools ranging from microfiche machines to Global Positioning System (GPS) devices to find and identify graves.

"The hardest part is finding these sites," Moore said. "We work by word of mouth and most of these places have no kind of markings."

Since the implementation of the program, the crew has been working to restore 13 separate cemeteries in southern Oklahoma. These sites are located in Love, Marshall, Johnston, Carter, Pontotoc and Murray counties.

"A lot of the time, these cemeteries are in the middle of nowhere on somebody's private land," Moore said. "But I've got to see an expanse of country I would've never known existed."

The crew makes a constant effort to do its job more effectively. For example, they are enrolled in Chickasaw Language classes to better communicate with the elders who might provide them valuable information.

The cemetery at the Burney Institute grounds in Lebanon, Okla., was a proud accomplishment for the crew. The workers are half-way through uncovering approximately 260 graves.

Not only do the workers physically restore the cemeteries, they research and interview land owners and elders to piece together the puzzle of the history of who is buried there and what they were like.

"Those people paid their dues," said Cobley. "It's the least we can do to make their homes nice again."

Cobley also understands the solace their work gives to the relatives of those buried in the cemeteries,

"My mother and daddy are out there somewhere and I aim to find them."

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Optical lab, frames, showroom available

Tribe dedicates new Oklahoma Optical facility in May

Mike McKee

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel are joined by tribal and health care officials and guests to commemorate dedication of the Oklahom Optical building.

The Chickasaw Nation dedicated the Oklahoma Optical building in a ceremony May 29 at 1005 N. Country Club Road.

Oklahoma Optical offers a full service optical lab that makes glasses, repairs frames and dispenses contact lenses. Services also include custom fitting and the ability to ship glasses anywhere in the United States.

"Service and patient care continues to be the number one priority for the Chickasaw Nation Health System, and that includes Oklahoma Optical," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

The new building location is approximately 3,500 square feet and features an open showroom and a combined contact lens and children's showroom. The building also includes an efficient lab workroom, inventory and office space all located together for optimal convenience.

Presently, Oklahoma Optical houses five full-time employees and three staff from the Chickasaw Nation Career Development Initiative and summer youth programs.

Oklahoma Optical is open to the public and is also a Medicare/Medicaid provider for optical services. After having an eye exam with an optometrist or ophthalmologist, prescriptions can be filled using Oklahoma Optical's fast, friendly service. Orders are typically processed the same day.

Chickasaw citizen, Pat Bartmess, has used Oklahoma Optical's vision services since 2006. Bartmess is originally from the Ada area. She now lives in Oklahoma City and retired in 2004 after 24 years of service with the Indian Health Service. Bartmess, who lives outside of the tribal boundaries, had her prescription written by her regular optometrist and filled through Oklahoma Optical. She experienced "excellent customer service" and Oklahoma Optical staff were quick to handle any problems that she had.

Bartmess urges others to use Oklahoma Optical to help cut down on costly expenses associated with eye care. Overall, she estimates her savings to be around $250 since switching to Oklahoma Optical. Along with the fast, friendly service and cost savings, she urges others to use Oklahoma Optical because "it is tribally owned and benefits us (citizens) and the tribe to use it."

A wide selection of eyeglasses, sunglasses and contact lenses are offered through Oklahoma Optical. Frame lines available include, but are not limited to: Ralph Lauren, Hush Puppie, Ray Ban, Polo, Dolce Gabbana, Anne Klein, and Nickelodeonto name a few.

"We're very proud of the quality products that we offer at Oklahoma Optical," said Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator.

The business was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation in August 2003, and became an addition to the Chickasaw Nation Health System in October 2005.

Prior to purchase by the Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma Optical was located on Townsend Street in Ada and operated by optician Floyd Gurley.

"Many of you probably remember the old location, it had been there for 26 years, providing excellent health service as well as establishing a trusted name in the optical business," said Gov. Anoatubby. "The Chickasaw Nation has built on that reputation and continues to offer the highest quality vision care services available."

Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

By providing the Ada area and larger community with access to another eye care resource, the Chickasaw Nation is hoping to help create visual enhancement through excellent service and quality eye care products.

Oklahoma Optical also has a satellite location in the Chickasaw Nation Purcell Health Clinic.

For more information about Oklahoma Optical, call (888) 767-2796 or (580) 332-2796.

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Snack making, kids' cooking classes scheduled

Get Fresh! Conducts Snack Making Classes in July

Ada- Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington

July 7, 2008- 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

July 14, 2008- 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Ardmore- Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

July 7, 2008- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and July 10, 2008 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

The classes are open to anyone and will focus on snack making. No pre-registration is required

Get Fresh! Conducts Kids Cooking Classes in July

Ada-Family Life Center, 229 W. Seabrook Road

July 16, 2008- 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. for 4-8 year olds

Ada-Family Life Center, 229 W. Seabrook Road

July 16, 2008- 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. for 9-13 year olds

Purcell- Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

July 24, 2008- 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. for 4-8 year olds

Purcell- Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

July 24, 2008- 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. for 9-13 year olds

Space is limited. Please call the Get Fresh! office at (580) 272-5506 to reserve a spot in the Ada classes, and to reserve a spot in the Purcell classes, please call Ruth Burrows at (405) 527-6967.

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For more information on the CHIC Center, call Elizabeth Brewer at (580) 436-3980 ext. 80919.

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American Indian Cultural Center bond funding okayed

The Oklahoma Legislature ensured construction of the American Indian Cultural Center & Museum (AICCM) will continue with the recent passage of legislation authorizing $25 million in bond funding for the facility.

The Native American Cultural & Educational Authority, which was created by the Oklahoma Legislature, oversees the AICCM. Gov. Bill Anoatubby serves as chairman of authority board.

Located on the Oklahoma River at the intersection of I-35 and I-40 in Oklahoma City, the AICCM will showcase the unique perspectives and realities of Native communities. Through state-of-the-art exhibits, the facility will also illustrate how essential the American Indian people have been to the state, nation and world.

The $25 million will fund all of the building structures, including the primary museum, The Hall of the People, a 100-foot glass and steel space, and the East Wing, which includes the Children's Discovery Center, Resource Library, Art Studios and Classrooms.

The Visitor/Welcome Center will be the first building completed by September 2008.

With $50 million committed to date, this world-class, state-of-art cultural center is a successful, collaborative effort among the state, city, tribal nations, and federal entities, as well as corporate and individual contributors.

The location of the AICCM is one of the most well traveled intersections in the U.S., and is in the heart of Indian Country.

Oklahoma has a unique history that sets it apart from all other states in the nation. State leaders recognize the value of this legacy and how AICCM will position Oklahoma as a distinctive destination, offering the best of both Native and Western heritage. It is anticipated that over the span of 20 years, the economic benefit to Oklahoma's economy will be in excess of $2.6 billion.

The AICCM project and site will be wholly owned and operated by the State of Oklahoma.

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Chickasaw artists reap awards during Red Earth Festial competition

Chickasaw artist Daniel Worcester, standing, displaying his award-winning artwork during the Red Earth Festival, June 5-7 in Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Four Chickasaw artists were recognized at the art and dance competitions conducted during the 23rd Annual Red Earth Festival. The festival was June 5-7, 2008 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

Margaret Roach Wheeler, Chickasaw weaver, won 1st place, Division I, in the Cultural Items, Basketry, Diversified and Utilitarian category with her Mound Builder Kilt and Headdress.

Daniel Worcester earned 2nd place in this category with his utilitarian entry "Thunderbird," a knife.

Wheeler also won best in Division VI for the Clothing, Textiles and Weaving category for Chickasaw Jacket, which was hand woven with wool yarn.

Young Chickasaw artists Courtney Parchcorn and Me Way Sa Greenwood also took several honors in the James H. and Madalynne Norick Foundation Youth Art Competition. In the Beadwork category, Miss Parchcorn took 1st in her division with her stick ball sticks. Mr. Greenwood took 1st place in Division I (ages 9-12) and Miss Parchcorn took 2nd in Division III (ages 16-18) with their entries in the pottery competition.

Additionally, Mr. Greenwood took first in the Division I Painting competition and in the Southern Straight Dancing competition for boys ages 6-12.

The four artists were among several Chickasaw artists to enter in the highly competitive contest. This year, more than 170 Native artists submitted entries.

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Chickasaw arts mini-festival a hit with Purcell students

The Arts in Education Department of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities hosted a May 1 Mini-Festival at Purcell (OK) Public Schools.

The mini-festivals are designed to educate students in the culture of the Chickasaw Nation.

Offering hands-on opportunities in a festival-like atmosphere allows the students, 1st through 5th grades, to produce art that makes connections with Native American culture.

Ms. Wanda Christian's fifth-grade class wrote letters of appreciation to the department, sharing just how much they enjoyed the Mini-Festival:

Dear Chickasaw Nation,

Thank you for putting together the mini-art festival. I really enjoyed making the gorget and hats. I sure did like the stories that Lori (Robins) told. I hope that y'all continue going to schools, and doing fun things.

Sincerely,

Nahinli Billy, 5th grd.

Dear, Chickasaw

Thank you for the Mini Art-Festival, you make great hats and thank you for the fun I had and I'm a Chickasaw too.

Jesse Trammell

Dear Chickasaw People,

Thanks for coming to Intermediate school! I still have those stories stuck in my head. I had fun making the hats. I still have mine up in my room. The necklace was fun too. It's hanging in my locker.

Love,

Cami Erickson

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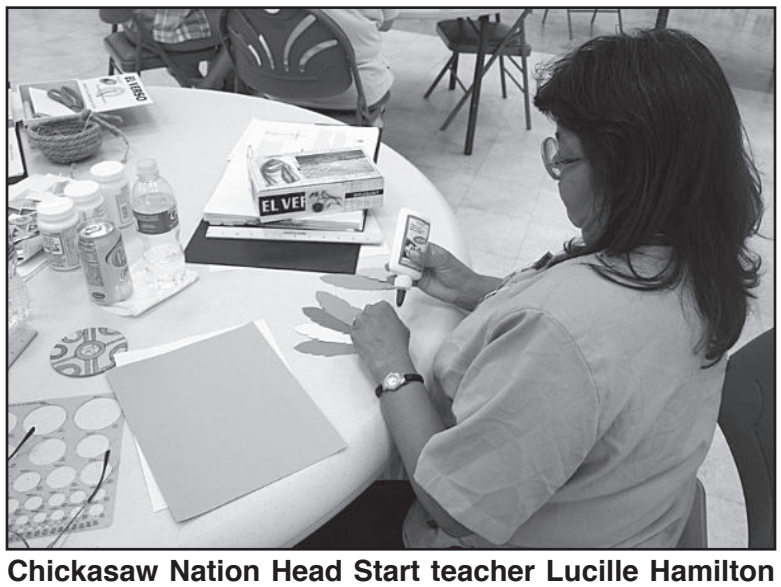
Teaching teachers: Chickasaw culture comes to class



Chickasaw Nation Head Start teacher Lucille Hamilton builds her version of a traditional feather fan during the June Arts in Education Teacher Workshop.

The Arts in Education Department of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities recently hosted the American Indian Cultural Teacher Workshop at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

"This is a staff-development workshop," said Laura Stewart, Arts in Education director. "Art can be used to teach any subject, and it's great when the projects can be Native American-themed."

Several area teachers learned how to bring Native American culture, particularly Chickasaw culture, into the classroom while working with any amount of funding. Through hands-on art projects, the students can gain cultural understanding and make connections with the past.

Chickasaw Nation art instructors Trina Jones and Eric Hardison displayed traditional Chickasaw artifacts and demonstrated how to make them using materials found in a classroom. The "make and take" projects included rope baskets, medallions and traditional feather fans.

"This is my third year, so I have already had success in my classroom with the things I learned in past workshops," said Rhonda Stephens, who teaches 3rd grade at Coleman (OK) Public Schools.

The department hopes to sponsor more workshops in the future at various locations.

For more information about the workshops, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education at (580) 332-1092.

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Birthdays

Ariel Snodgrass

Ariel Paige Snodgrass celebrated her fifth birthday June 14, 2008 with a Hannah Montanna birthday cake.

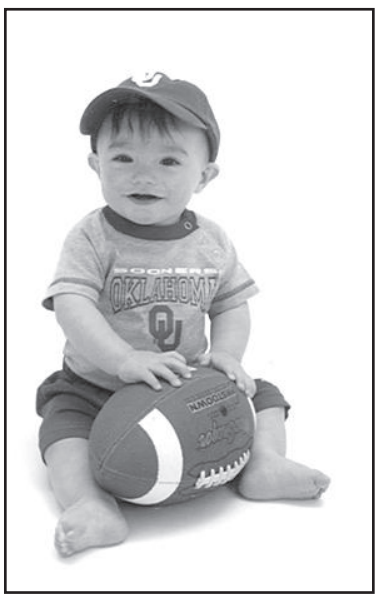
Ariel and her friends celebrated with a day of swimming and dinner for her grandmother, Vera Pettigrew. A variety of food was served including desserts and drinks to the 60+ guests and family. A great time was had by all.

Happy 5th Birthday Ariel!

We love you.

Love mom,

Teresa Snodgrass



Riley Clark

Happy first birthday to **Riley Scott Clark**. He celebrated his first birthday June 13, 2008. He is the son of Randall and Emily Clark, Capt., USAF, San Pedro, Calif.

He is the paternal grandson of Scott and Gayle Clark, Mill Creek, Okla. His paternal great-grandparents are the late Joseph and Minnie Shields, Joan Clark, and the late Doak Clark.

His maternal grandparents are Dave and Susan Shaarda, Westlake, Ohio. His maternal great-grandparents are Audrey Dussault and the late Arthur Dussault, and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Shaarda.

Riley loves walking all over the place, jabbering on the phone and dancing.

Happy Birthday Riley, we love and miss you all so much! We are anxiously awaiting your return in two years to Oklahoma.

It is wonderful being grandparents and we enjoy Riley so much.

Braden Clark

Braden Lee Clark wishes his first cousin, **Riley Scott Clark** a happy birthday.

Braden was born Dec. 12, 2006. He is the son of Matt and Jade Clark, Dickson, Okla.

His paternal grandparents are Scott and Gayle Clark, Mill Creek, Okla., and paternal great-grandparents are the late Joseph and Minnie (Allen) Shields, Joan Clark and the late Doak Clark.

His maternal grandparents are Blaine and Jolinda Dudley, and Mike Moore, all of Dickson.

Maternal great-grandparents are Harold and Bobbye Dudley, Betty Moore, the late Ernest Moore, Jean Underwood and the late Jack Underwood.

Happy Birthday Riley! We love and miss you so much.

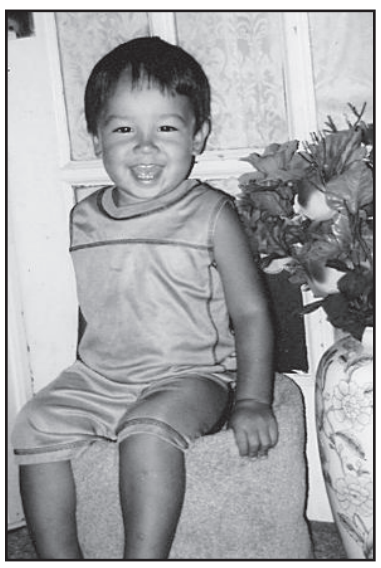
Braden loves for you to read to him, dancing and climbing everything he can. It is wonderful being a grandparent and we enjoy Braden and Riley so much.

Tyla Carpenter

Happy 8th birthday to my big sister, **Tyla Carpenter**.

Love,

Nashoba



Tytus Carpenter

Happy 2nd birthday to my little brother, **Tytus Nashoba Carpenter**.

Love your big sis,

Tyla

Births

Bryli Nicole Heath

Bryli Nicole Heath was born May 4, 2008 at 5:39 p.m. at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada, Okla. She weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 18.7 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of T.J. Heath and Ashley Burris Heath, of Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Tony and Kathy Heath, of Shawnee, Okla., Karen L. White Burris, of Ada, and the late James Howard Burris. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Bill and Loreeta Fulton, the late Helen Richardson and Vaskon and Ila Faye White, of Ada.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home. If you know of a Chickasaw you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw girl on superintendent's honor roll, plays in first piano recital

Katie Ethridge

Katie Ethridge, 8, a Chickasaw student at Indian Meridian Elementary School, Choctaw, Okla., completed second grade on May 22.

She was recognized for being on the Superintendent's Honor Roll and also received a medal for participating in the Reading Counts Program. She earned 119 points during the school year.

Katie also participated in her first piano recital on May 22. She performed "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and other songs from memory. She was recognized with a trophy at the recital for her performance.

Katie is the daughter of Gary and Lori Ethridge and granddaughter of Charles and Rose Blankenship, of Fittstown, Okla.

Lauren graduates kindergarten, receives medal for reading

Lauren Ethridge

Lauren Ethridge, a six-year-old Chickasaw student at Indian Meridian Elementary School in Choctaw, Okla., graduated from kindergarten on May 21.

She received a medal recognizing her for participating in the Reading Counts Program. She earned 31 points during her school year.

Lauren is the daughter of Gary and Lori Ethridge and granddaughter of Charles and Rose Blankenship, of Fittstown, Okla.

Walton, Haas to wed in July ceremony

Jennifer Walton and Joshua Haas

Jennifer Lauren Walton and Joshua David Haas, both of Ada, Okla., will exchange wedding vows July 19, 2008, at Union Valley Baptist Church, Stonewall, Okla. Rev. Randall Christy will officiate the 5 p.m. ceremony.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Stephen and Tammy Walton, Ada. She is the granddaughter of Sue and the late Kenneth Davis, Stonewall, the late Jay Walton Jr., and Bobby Miles, Houston, Texas. She is a 2005 graduate of Byng (OK) High School and attends East Central University. She is a junior elementary education major and employed at Bedre Chocolates of Ada as a sales clerk.

Parents of the future bridegroom are Tony and Sheery Haas, Norman, Okla. He is the grandson of Molly and the late Preston Booth, Midwest City, Okla. He graduated in 2000 from Lexington (OK) High School. He is currently a senior math major at East Central University. He is employed at Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Pauls Valley, Okla., as an order filler.

Miss Walton is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw commissioner files for Oklahoma House seat

GARY STARNS

Pontotoc County (OK) District #1 County Commissioner Gary Starns, a Chickasaw citizen, has filed for District #25 Oklahoma State Representative seat.

Starns has 21 years experience working for the people of Pontotoc County.

"It has been a great honor to serve the people of Pontotoc County District #1 the last eight and one-half years as County Commissioner. I have worked hard getting grant money, FEMA money and tribal money for District #1.

"Right after being elected County Commissioner in 1999 I was elected the State Board of Directors of the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma. At the same time I was also elected to serve on the Association of County Commissioners State Legislative committee where we have worked hard to help get legislation changed to help County and City Governments utilize taxpayers dollars as effectively as possible.

"I am President of the Circuit Engineering District #4 which represents Pontotoc, Coal, Hughes, Johnston, Pottwatomie, Lincoln and Okfuskee Counties. I am also Secretary of the Statewide Circuit Engineering Board. I am on the Community Sentencing Board and on the Board of Directors of Call-A-Ride Public Transit System. I'm presently chairman of the Pontotoc County Jail Trust Authority. I also serve on the O.P.E.H.&W. Health Insurance Board, which provides group medical coverage to employees and families for about 40 counties and entities.

"I have worked hard at the State Capitol with local school superintendents to help keep funding for school and county roads and bridges.

"Being a Chickasaw citizen myself, I have worked hard and closely with the Chickasaw Nation to help secure money for Roads and Bridges. I have several roads on schedule with the Chickasaw Nation at the present time. Governor Anoatubby has been great to work with on these projects, and to help the county pass a tax to build a new jail and remodel the courthouse.

"I have worked hard to help the Rural Fire Departments, partnering with them on many wildfires by bringing in county equipment, men and water trucks to help fight these fires which has helped save many homes, barns, businesses and loss of lives in Pontotoc County.

"If elected to the House of Representatives, some of my immediate goals are to try to lower fuel costs and medical expenses, try to secure more money for teachers, County and State Employees pay raises, and to help get money for the Rural Fire Departments Retirement Plan, as all these are staffed with volunteers. Help with a tax break for the working class people. Help our Transit by weathering the effect of fuel and baby boom cost. This is the only means of travel for many of our elderly and disabled people.

"Since District #25 has been blessed with an abundance of water, I intend to protect that water for ourselves and future generations.

"If elected, I will continue to work hard to not only represent Pontotoc County as I have the last 21 years but also represent all the people of House District 25 with integrity and diligence. I will always have an open door to listen to the needs of the people of District 25."

Starns and his wife Susie have two children, Cheyenne Starns and Misty Stephens. Daughter Misty and her husband Brandon have the Starns' only grandchild, Brayleigh Stephens.

Starns' parents are Dean Starns and the late Billy Starns Sr. They are members of the Richmond Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Allen, Oka.

Achille couple to celebrate 25th

Ironda and DeLoyd Hicks

DeLoyd and Ironda Hicks, of Achille, Okla., will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on July 22.

Their daughters will be hosting a party, in their honor, on Sunday, July 20 at the Chickasaw Community Building in Achille from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

Visiting Chickasaws

Oklahoma State Representatives Lisa Billy, left, and T.W. Shannon, right, were recently visited at the state capitol by Chickasaw tribal legislator Dean McManus, second from left, and Chickasaw Nation employee Karla Windyboy.

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Chickasaw Southeastern State student earns awards

Recent Durant (OK) High School graduate Molly Erwin is a recent recipient of the Chickasaw Nation Millennium Scholarship and Governor's Scholarship. She is also an inductee of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society.

Molly Erwin

Her parents are Harold Wade Erwin, Ginger and Graig Edmondson.

She is the granddaughter of Maxine and Bobby Nolen Erwin, Maxine and Sonny Neely and the late Ima Jean Neely.

She is the great-granddaughter of Chickasaw enrollee, Tishie Hortense (Nolen) Erwin.

Miss Erwin attends Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, where she is pursuing a pre-optometry degree and is employed with the SOSU School of Business Dean's office.

Yale sixth-grader salutatorian of class

A Chickasaw sixth-grader recently graduated as salutatorian of his class.

Daniel Wakley, Jr., graduated with a 3.71 grade point average. He attends Yale (OK) Public School.

Daniel has been on the A or A&B honor roll since first grade. He won second place at this year's Science Fair and is listed in "Who's Who Among American Scholars."

Daniel received the gold seal Presidential Award of Excellence this year. He is active in footbal and basketball.

He is the son of Joyce Wakley, of Yale.

Daniel Wakley, Jr.

Chickasaw teen named USAA All-American Scholar

Taylor Foster

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Taylor Foster, of Rubottom, Okla., has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USSA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

Taylor, 13, attends Turner Middle School. She was nominated for this honor by Mrs. Robin Mayes. Taylor will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook.

Taylor is the daughter of Kent and Melissa Foster, of Rubottom.

Her grandparents are Steve and Kathlene Foster, of Gainesville, Texas, and Larry and Vera Wolfe of Leon, Okla.

Taylor is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Alabama Chickasaw student happily involved

Trinity Shelby

We are very proud of Trinity Michelle Shelby. She has had a very good year at Elberta (AL) Elementary School.

During the end of the year award ceremony, she received medals for earning all A's and one B; accelerated reading and math; a trophy for good citizenship; certificates for art and working in the school's post office.

Trinity plays softball and takes baton classes and has participated in several parades.

She is the daughter of Stuart Shelby and Roaseanna Stallworth, who is attending Faulkner State Community College on a Chickasaw grant. She is the daughter of Jerry and Shirley Brown, of Elberta, Alabama.

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Chickasaw Highway Patrolman Joe Howard honored for bravery

Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy presents Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Howard an official citation from the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Trooper Howard, a Chickasaw citizen and helicopter pilot, assisted in the dramatic rescue of two elderly people during state flooding in 2007.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Howard, a Chickasaw, was recently recognized by Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy for his heroic actions that saved the lives of two Oklahomans.

Rep. Billy recognized Howard on the House floor and presented the Chickasaw citizen a citation for his bravery.

Howard and co-pilot Lt. Brian Sturgill plucked Leroy and Bernice Krittenbrink, who were trapped on their roof of their vehicle, from fast-moving flood waters near Kingfisher, Okla., last August.

Sturgill piloted the helicopter as Howard navigated during the rescue attempt. Kingfisher Fire Chief Randy Poindexter and Howard hoisted the couple, one at a time, onto the helicopter skids and flew them to dry ground. The trio's actions have since been recognized as brave and selfless.

"His heroic actions on August 19, 2007 saved the lives of Leroy and Bernice Krittenbrink," said Rep. Billy.

Howard, along with Sturgill, was also named "Trooper of the Year" for 2007 by the Oklahoma Highway Users Foundation.

"Trooper of the Year" is presented annual to members of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol to recognize heroic acts above and beyond the call of duty.

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Chickasaw intern serving Native poor in Washington

Rachel Weatherford

While most college students use their summers as extended rest times between Spring and Fall semesters, Rachel Weatherford, of Edmond, Okla., is using hers to discover her passion for serving her fellow Native people.

Miss Weatherford was one of the few to receive a prestigious internship from the Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS). She is spending the summer in the nation's capital working at the Office of Minority Health, a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"I'm so blessed to be able to spend the summer in D.C.," she said.

An athletic training major at Oklahoma State University, Miss Weatherford said the internship location was chosen to suit her interest in the health field.

She is also learning more about other tribes while working with Native Americans from across the United States.

"It's really eye-opening to see how much poverty faces so many Native Americans," she said. "Being from Edmond, I'd never really been exposed to that."

She is also learning from her fellow interns,

"I've met several Navajos," she said. "I find it fascinating to learn about the lives of those who live on a reservation."

A graduate of Edmond Memorial High School, Miss Weatherford has maintained a 3.85 grade point average at Oklahoma State. She has received financial aid and scholarships from the Chickasaw Nation, including the competitive Millennium Scholarship, which is awarded to only 50 students per academic year.

"This trip has been really insightful," she said. "It reinforces my love for my chosen field and confirms my passion to help other Native Americans."

Miss Weatherford is the daughter of Mike and Lynn Weatherford, of Edmond.

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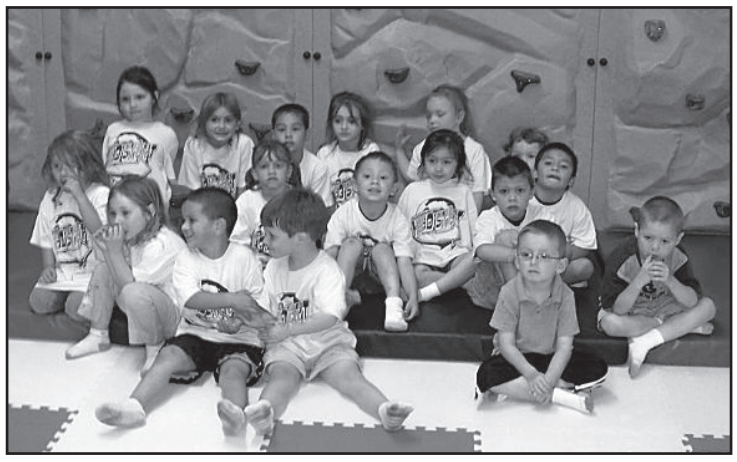
Head Start 'Bouncin"

In May the Chickasaw Nation Head Start programs in Madill and Tishomingo took end-of-school year field trips to "Bouncin' Around" west of Durant, Okla. While students were there, they bounced on inflatable bouncers, climbed the rock wall and danced to music.



Tishomingo Head Start students are, back row from left, Jasmine Devitt, Breanna Floyd, Cameron Smith, Shayla Kibart, Monnie Reed, Hannah Frelich. Middle row from left, Shandi Mays, Haylee McDougall, Shelbie Fleming, Jeremiah Worchester. Front row from left, Alissa Brodeur, Mayo Maldonado, Seth Stowe, Jacob Carter, Tanner Akers, Terry Bradford, Rance Ables.

Madill Head Start students are, back row from left, Carina Gonzalez Castaneda, Andrea Segura, Dakota Beshirs, Sagrario Camacho, Brylee Bruster, Reyes Silva, Angel Hernandez-Estrada. Middle row from left, Shylee Kenedy, Kaylee Young, Zoey Hillsberry, Fernanda Hernandez, Selena Bautista. Front row from left, Jhayrimiel Marquez, Rafael Quiroz, Jr, Misti Tynes, Haylee Howard, Gracie Jones, Angel Campos-Vargas, and Conner Mathis.

Chickasaw student reaching for the stars with CNASA

Heather Cheney

Heather Cheney traveled from her home near Houston, Texas to the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy in 2003 because she had always wanted to be an astronaut.

"Since I was a child I knew what I wanted to do, but that (CNASA) was my first real exposure to it," she said. "It quadrupled my desire to become an astronaut, to work in space exploration."

Since her fourth year of participation in CNASA in 2006, Ms. Cheney has taken several significant steps toward achieving her dream, including direct involvement in a NASA project.

She served as an intern at NASA Johnson Space Center in the summer of 2007, where she worked to evaluate the safety of Lunar Lander designs being developed for a 2020 mission to the moon.

As an intern, she received specific instruction on how to do a preliminary hazard analysis.

"I went out on a limb and did something else that was different from what I was told," she said, adding that was a risky move for an intern.

"Then in the summer I presented it to the team and the safety director at NASA loved it," she said.

That led the safety director to promise Ms. Cheney she would have a job if she ever wanted to work with the safety team at NASA.

Ms. Cheney landed the NASA internship as a student at the prestigious Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science

She was accepted into the academy after her sophomore year in high school, and graduated from that institution in May, 2008 with two years of college credit in addition to her high school diploma.

During her internship at NASA she had the opportunity to have many interesting discussions with astronauts and engineers involved in the project.

This summer, she will work as an intern at the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis, Texas.

In the fall, she plans to attend Texas A&M University, where she will study mechanical engineering.

She chose Texas A&M because of the school's close working relationship with NASA.

Current plans are to apply for a cooperative program between the University and NASA.

Asked what she hoped to do as a member of the NASA team, Ms. Cheney said she wanted to be an astronaut.

Noting the possibility that that may not happen, she quickly reeled off a number of other possibilities.

"Any way I can contribute, I will," she added. "I've only been in college a couple of years, so I don't know specifically what I want to work with."

Then she quickly turned back to the dream.

"I definitely want to be an astronaut," said Ms. Cheney. "That's the ultimate dream.

"But if there is some reason I can't be an astronaut, I want to be part of mission control. I want to be part of the mission."

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Metal Mayhem awards

Ada (OK) High School students Candace Williams and Anna Townsend display plaques received at the Metal Mayhem End of the Year Dinner June 3 at the Chickasaw Nation Ada Community Center. Students were recognized for their team achievements, receiving a medal and plaque.

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Worcester continues long service as Honor Guard

Roy Worcester

For Roy Worcester, Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard member, dedication is not something short-lived. He has proved this with decades-long dedication to his many avenues of service to his country and to the Chickasaw Nation.

Soon after graduation from McLish (OK) High School in 1972, Worcester left the only home he'd ever known for U.S. Marine Corps basic training. He spent four months in the intensely physical Marine boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot in San Diego.

"I had played basketball for years," Worcester said, "so the training wasn't that tough for me."

Serving during the tail-end of the Vietnam War, Worcester was more than ready to be deployed, but his fate was to stay Stateside. He spent two years working for the 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.

"My team just never went to Vietnam, for whatever reason," he said.

After his honorable discharge, Worcester worked at the Chickasaw cabinet shop in Ada, Okla.

In 1983, he decided to join the National Guard and served for 16 years. That same year, he went to work for the Indian Health Service Hospital, which later became Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. Worcester is now the CAIHF housekeeping supervisor.

He still is involved in the U.S. Army Reserve as a Master Sergeant of retention and transition.

"I really relate to the others in the military," he said. "They're really motivated and get things done, and I like that."

When he's not working or fulfilling his duties with the Reserve, Worcester enjoys fishing and serving with the Honor Guard.

He and his wife, Dinah, live in Pontotoc, Okla. They have four children and two grandchildren.

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Chickasaw Language Club kids to enjoy 'Dance Fun Day' in July

Join the fun with the Chickasaw Nation Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club for Chickasaw Dance Fun Day from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 26 at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada.

At the Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli Dance Fun Day, children will learn Chickasaw words related to dance and participate in traditional Chickasaw dance with the Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meetings are part of a Chickasaw language club for all children up to the age of nine. The club focuses on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life. Each month the club meets to practice Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

During Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meetings, children learn to speak the Chickasaw language, take exciting field trips, do arts and crafts and learn Chickasaw culture and history. Children are also encouraged to speak the language while participating in the activities and during everyday conversations.

Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meetings are one Saturday each month. To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Chenae Lippard at (580) 436-0877, chenae.lippard@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/cca.

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Chickasaw students attend JOM leadership retreat

Johnson-O'Malley students visited Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy at the Oklahoma State Capitol June 16 as part of the JOM Leadership Retreat. Back row from left, Penny Watson, Chickasaw Nation Education; Jared Alexander, Latta; Nicobi Walker, Ada; Jessie Miller, Byng; Brandon Blankenship, Byng; Cati Newport, Ada; Waylon Cotanny, Chickasaw Nation education and Robert Pickens, Chickasaw Nation Education. Front row from left, Rep. Lisa Billy; Ashley Jones, Thackerville; Paden Knickle, Colbert; Patricia Cornish, Latta; Micah Gross, Roff; Tori Watson, Latta; Anoli Billy; and Zac Watson, Latta.

The Chickasaw Nation Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program hosted a Leadership Retreat for Native American students in participating high schools June 16-18 in Midwest City, Okla.

Eleven high school students were nominated to participate in the JOM Leadership Retreat. The Leadership Retreat was for JOM students who exemplified leadership skills, worked hard and excelled academically during the recent school year.

Students toured the Oklahoma State Capitol and History Museum, participated in team building activities and experienced a cultural gathering. The students also visited the Science Museum Oklahoma, formally known as the Omniplex, in Oklahoma City. At the capitol, students met with Oklahoma State Representative Lisa Billy in the House Chamber.

"I had a great time at the JOM Leadership Retreat," said 2008 Byng graduate Jessie Miller. "It was my first time to tour the capitol and history museum and I learned a lot."

Rep. Billy spoke to the students about the legislative process, educated the students on governmental operations and encouraged them to stay updated on current issues associated with Indian affairs.

"It is important to understand who we are as Indian people," said Rep. Billy. "As leaders in your community, you could be a voice for Native Americans in the future."

The Chickasaw Nation JOM program is tribally funded and provides educational programs for Native American students attending participating public schools.

The Chickasaw Nation currently has 52 public schools in the JOM program with more than 7,600 participating students. The JOM program provides students with tutoring, school supplies, incentives and field trips. The program is managed by an Indian Education Committee consisting of parents of Native American students enrolled in the school districts. The parent committee is active in the planning and implementation of the JOM program.

Through the JOM program, the Chickasaw Nation contracts with public schools within tribal boundaries. The tribe is responsible for administering JOM funds for the operation of supplemental programs designed to meet the specialized and unique educational needs of eligible students. Schools receive funds based on the number of Native American students attending each school.

The program is available to Native American students enrolled in participating JOM school districts. For more information about the JOM program, contact the Chickasaw Nation JOM coordinator Robert Pickens at (580) 421-7711, robert.pickens@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaweducationservices.com.

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Taylor Marlow selected for Girls Nation

Taylor Marlow

Chickasaw student Taylor Marlow, Norman, Okla., will attend American Legion Girls Nation in Washington, D.C., the week of July 19.

Taylor is one of two delegates chosen from among a group of over 400 girls who attended Oklahoma Girls State, which took place May 25 at the University of Oklahoma. Girls State, also sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, is a 61-year-old program for high school juniors.

"I loved, loved, loved Girls State," Taylor said. "I understand my government more now and I know that I have the ability to do anything.

While at Girls State, the students learn about government procedure. They create a mythical state through the election of public officials on local, county, and state levels. They then carry out the duties of these respective offices.

Taylor also had the opportunity to hear fellow Chickasaw, Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy, speak.

"When Representative Billy spoke to us, it really opened my eyes." she said, "I want to be more involved in politics now so I can make a difference."

Girls Nation is a continuation Girls State in which students create a mock national government.

"I am so excited for Girls Nation," Taylor said, "I can't wait to meet the other delegates.

"It should be very enlightening."

Taylor said she and her fellow delegate will be required to write a Bill that will be discussed in the mock Senate sessions.

"As of right now, we want to work on a bill that involves healthcare and how to make it more available to everyone," she said.

While she is in Washington, Taylor will have the opportunity to tour all of the landmarks, monuments and museums.

Taylor will graduate from Norman North High School in 2009. She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and become an Elementary school music teacher or a pediatrician.

"Basically, I want to work with kids," she said.

Taylor is the daughter of Chris and Gail Marlow, of Norman.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw musicians now taking the gospel route

Chickasaw musician Wendell Pettigrew working in his at-home studio.

Two Chickasaw musicians, Jim Phillips and Wendell Pettigrew, are lifelong performers who have decided to take the gospel avenue.

"If someone can come to the Lord through my music, there is no greater honor," said Jim Phillips.

Phillips, of Tehachapi, Calif., released his album "Pray Every Day" on Sorrell Records in late 2007.

The Great Depression and Oklahoma's Dust Bowl moved Jim Phillips' parents to California in the 1930s, where young Jim Phillips was raised in a Federal Labor Camp in Arvin.

He began his relationship with music in the third grade, when he decided to play the drums.

"It was so natural to me," Phillips said. "I truly believe it is my Indian blood that helped me have that innate rhythm."

During his teenage years, he polished his talents and eventually became part of the famed "Bakersfield Sound," a style of country music developed in the late 1950s in and around the Bakersfield, Calif., area.

While a part of the Bakersfield Sound, Phillips had the opportunity to play with the likes of Merle Haggard and Charlie Pride.

At the age of 19, Phillips sat in with a blues band, an experience he says changed his career.

"They taught me what it meant to put real feeling in my music," he said.

When he married and started a family, Phillips decided to become a barber. He still kept his love for performing, however.

"I asked God to lead me in a direction where I could raise my family and still play," he said, "and with the barber shop, I could do that."

He began to experiment with singing when he was 28. He admits that he wasn't the greatest at first, but worked on his vocals until he was confident to sing lead.

On "Pray Every Day," Phillips covers several classic gospel songs, including a few by his idols, songwriter Red Foley and singer Buck Owens.

Also entering into country gospel circuit is Wendell Pettigrew. Pettigrew, who lives in Ada, Okla., is a retired Chickasaw Nation Health System biomedical engineer.

When he was 13, he bought his first guitar for $5 and still plays on a daily basis. He switched to the bass guitar after his band acquired one too many guitar players and the bass has now become his signature instrument.

Pettigrew and his band, always called "Wendell and the Dreamers" no matter what the lineup, played all over the Ada area.

In 1970, he moved to Los Angeles to pursue a musical career.

"I sold everything, bought a van and took off," he said.

As a member of various house bands in Los Angeles, he played with artists ranging from Waylon Jennings to the Temptations. But he was truly star struck when he got to play with one of his favorites, Marty Robbins.

"Marty already had a band with him," he said, "but I approached him and told him that I knew every one of his songs by heart so he let me play."

After moving back to Ada in the 1980s, he formed a family band with his brother Jack on lead guitar; nephews Todd on rhythm guitar and Steven on bass; and J.D. Wilmuth, also on guitar.

Pettigrew's wife Vicky and his daughter Twila also sing with him.

It was his wife who convinced him to try gospel.

"I really enjoy playing gospel," Pettigrew said. "It's great to blend all of the different types of music I have played into what I play now."

Jim Phillips' album can be heard and purchased at http://cdbaby.com/cd/jimmyphillips. Wendell Pettigrew's album is available at the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Gift Shop in Ada or by calling (580) 310-0492.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Beggs student garners scholarships for outstanding academic record

Chickasaw student Rachel Joy Byars, right, and Oklahoma Council for Indian Education president Kimberly Smith. Miss Byars was awarded the Alice Tonemah Memorial Scholarship during the Oklahoma indian Student Honor Society Banquet.

A Chickasaw student has recently been awarded a prestigious Indian scholarship.

Rachel Joy Byars, of Beggs, Okla., received the Alice Tonemah Memorial Scholarship from the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education. The scholarship was presented during the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society Banquet.

The scholarship recognizes Miss Byars' outstanding academic, cultural and community achievements.

Miss Byars was the 2008 Beggs High School Distinguished Graduate. She ranked at the top of her class in grade point average and was named an Oklahoma Academic Scholar. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, the Chickasaw Honor Club and the Oklahoma High School Honor Society. She also served in her high school as an Indian Education tutor.

She was active in her high school band and jazz band. She was named to the Okmulgee County Honor Band and the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Athletic Association Honor Band.

Miss Byars has also received the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Scholarship, the Chickasaw Nation Millennium Scholarship, the Oklahoma Baptist University Academic Scholarship, the First Family Federal Credit Union of Henryetta scholarship, the Sam Walton Community Scholarship and the Bright Scholarship.

Miss Byars is active in the Beggs First Baptist Church youth group and has made three mission trips to Mexico.

She is the daughter of Allen and Joy Byars, of Beggs. Her grandparents are Rex and Bonnie Byars, of Beggs, and Mildred Pitman, of Saint Jo, Texas.

Chickasaw student named National Merit Semifinalist

Chickasaw high school senior David McCoy was recently named a National Merit Semifinalist. With David is his mother, Rebecca McCoy.

A Chickasaw high school senior has recently been named a National Merit semifinalist

David McCoy, a 17-year-old rising senior McKinney (TX) High School, scored among the top one percent of high school students on the college board PSAT test. He has been accepted to the University of Texas for the fall semester.

David is a member of the National Honor Society and has been active in the high school theatre department.

He is a member of the Grace Presbytery youth council and has participated in four church mission trips during his high school years. He is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church of McKinney.

David was home schooled through sixth grade. He attended an experimental school, ACT Academy, his seventh- and eighth-grade years, then entered McKinney High School.

David is the son of Rev. Patrick E. McCoy and Rebecca Palmer McCoy.

Chickasaw volunteer wrapping up one-year mission service in Africa

Micah McCoy, second from left, is serving as a Young Adult Volunteer in Mission in Africa with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Micah's father, Rev. Patrick E. McCoy, is at left, and Micah's mother, Rebecca McCoy, is at right. Rick Ufford-Chase, former Presbyterian Church moderator, is center.

A Chickasaw man is preparing to conclude a one-year volunteer mission to Africa.

Micah McCoy, 22, works as an information specialist for Church World Service of East Africa. He is based in Nairobi, Kenya. His volunteer service is through the Presbyterian Church USA.

McCoy is a 2007 graduate of Austin College, Sherman, Texas, where he received a double major in Spanish and sociology. During graduation ceremonies, he wore his Chickasaw honor stole.

Previously, he has served with the organization "No More Deaths" along the US/Mexico border. He served as chief spokesman for the ministry as the organization assisted deportees in Nogales, Mexico.

He is an actor, singer and songwriter. He and his father rebuilt a 1951 sports coupe together.

McCoy is the son of Rev. Patrick McCoy and Rebecca Palmer McCoy.

Student maintaining academic record in program

Justina Potts

A Chickasaw student is achieving academic success in a unique high school program.

Justina Louise Potts has recently completed her first year at Mountain View Junior College where she attends Early College High School. This is a new program which enrolls about 100 middle schoolers.

Justina has maintained a 4.0 grade point average in her college classes.

She is the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Chickasaw Rhoda Gunn.

Justina continues to do the best she can to make her parents and her fellow Chickasaws proud of her.

Chickasaw attorney joins Seminole, Oklahoma firm

Lloyd Palmer

A Chickasaw attorney has recently joined a Seminole, Oklahoma firm.

Lloyd Brent Palmer is an associate in general practice with the Seminole firm of Colclazier & Associates.

Mr. Palmer earned his law degree from Oklahoma City University. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Coalgate (OK) High School, where he was a member of the All-State academic team.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and currently is a member of the Oklahoma National Guard. He is a member of the American Legion, the 45th Infantry Division Association and Central Oklahoma Mensa.

Mr. Palmer and his wife, Prof. Rayshell Elizabeth Palmer, make their home in Seminole.

Mr. Palmer is the son of Anna Sue Palmer, of Coalgate.

Kingston youth to attend leadership forum

A Chickasaw elementary student has recently been accepted into a leadership program.

Nathan Cook, a student at Kingston (OK) Elementary School, will join with the People to People World Leadership Forum on a September trip to Washington, D.C. The group will study leadership and also visit Washington monuments, museums and other historic spots.

The students will participate in small group discussions and exercises to experience how leaders develop strategies and make decisions.

Nathan was nominated for the forum based on his academic record, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by the People to People Student Leader Programs. The organization traces its roots to the People to People entity founded by President Eisenhower in 1956.

Donations for Nathan's trip are being accepted at Landmark Bank in Kingston.

Nathan is the son of Charles and Connie Cook, of Kingston. Nathan has a sister, Erin Diffie. His grandfather is Charles Foster, of Mannsville, Okla.

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Brown, McKenzie wed May 14

Jessica Brown and Jesse McKenzie

Jessica Brown and Jesse McKenzie were united in marriage during a May 14 ceremony in Elberta, Alabama.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Shirley Brown. She attends college with the assistance of a Chickasaw scholarship and was recently awarded a math competition scholarship to Tarleton State (TX) University.

The groom is an award-winning custom saddle maker who works in the Fort Worth, Texas stockyards.

The unique private ceremony was conducted in a backyard tree house built by the bride's father. The tree house was built of salvage wood, timbers and poles washed ashore during Hurricane Katrina.

The bride and bridesmaid carried giant Magnolia blossoms.

The couple is at home in the Fort Worth area.

Ayolha! Welcome to the "Stooping Post Oak Family," Jesse.

Young Chickasaw artists sought for Jacobson House exhibit

NORMAN, Okla. - Young Chickasaw artists will be the feature of the upcoming Chickasaw Artists Exhibit in Norman.

Chickasaw artists through age 18 are invited and encouraged to participate. The Chickasaw Artists Exhibit will be housed at the Jacobson House Native Art Center on the campus of the University of Oklahoma.

The Exhibit will run from August 10 through September 6.

The Chickasaw Artists Exhibit will include, but is not limited to, paintings, drawings, pottery, beadwork, weaving, basketry, textiles, sculpture, photography and woodwork.

The exhibit is an art show, not a contest. Artists also have the option to price and sell their artwork.

Signup deadline is fast approaching. To sign up, or for more information, contact Amanda or Russ at (405) 366-1667, or visit www.jacobsonhouse.com

CNASA students 'take to the skies'

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw students from across the country immersed themselves in aviation, science and technology during the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) June 23-27.

CNASA students participated in an action-packed week of space, science, math, aviation, technology and careers. Forty-seven Chickasaw students grades five through 12 attended CNASA. Some students traveled from as far as Colorado and Georgia to participate.

"I received a scholarship to attend CNASA and I have never been to a science academy before," said 12-year-old Sher-Mon Clement of Macon, Georgia. "I really enjoyed it."

Students experienced several hands-on activities including rocket construction and launching by aerospace engineer Jeremy John, of Cleveland, Ohio. Students heard expert lecturers from the National Library of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and the Athletes For Life Foundation in California. Students also participated in educational trips to flight school in Denton, Texas, and Science Museum Oklahoma, in Oklahoma City.

"I learned a lot about teamwork and using technology to make a robot from scratch," said 15-year-old Tanner Veal, of Oklahoma City. "We actually got to fly in an airplane when we went to Denton and that was my favorite part of the academy."

Members of the Metal Mayhem robotics team assisted students in creating and designing robots and spoke to the students about For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics and Lego League. Metal Mayhem members also demonstrated an airplane simulator for the CNASA students.

Twelve-year-old Sher-Mon Clement, of Macon, Georgia, uses a screwdriver to construct a robot during CNASA June 23-27 in Ada.

During the academy three "Top Gun" awards were presented along with a "Super Top Gun" award. The awards were presented to students who strived to do their best and learn as much as possible.

Top Gun awards were presented to Samantha Postoak, of Houston, Texas; Justin Herman of Midwest City, Okla.; and Autumn Underwood of Ada, Okla.

The Super Top Gun award was presented to Taylor Arter, of Lindsay, Okla.

"The academy is a great opportunity for Chickasaw students to explore their educational options," said Chickasaw Nation Education Services director Lori Hamilton. "Our goal is to provide learning opportunities which will engage young minds in the areas of math, science, engineering, space and aviation."

The CNASA program was established in 2003 and is conducted annually in June. The academy is open to Chickasaw students grades five through 12. For more information about CNASA, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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OILS sets free wills clinic for July 25 in Ada

A free clinic on the preparation of wills will be conducted this month in Ada.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. (OILS) will host the clinic Friday, July 25 from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Senior site, 1005 Chamber Loop.

The senior site is located just west of Chickasaw Nation headquarters.

Registration is limited. To register for the clinic, call 1 (800) 658-1497.

OILS is a civil legal services program funded by the Legal Service Corporation.

OU Health Sciences Center seeks Native youth for diabetes study

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is conducting medical research in type 2 diabetes in children.

The research group is seeking the permission of parents of Native American children, ages eight to 17 years, for the study. Researchers are studying the roles of body fat, physical activity and cardiovascular health in children and type 2 diabetes.

The study provides compensation and parking.

For more information, call (405) 271-8001, extension 42719.

Attorney is consumer advocate

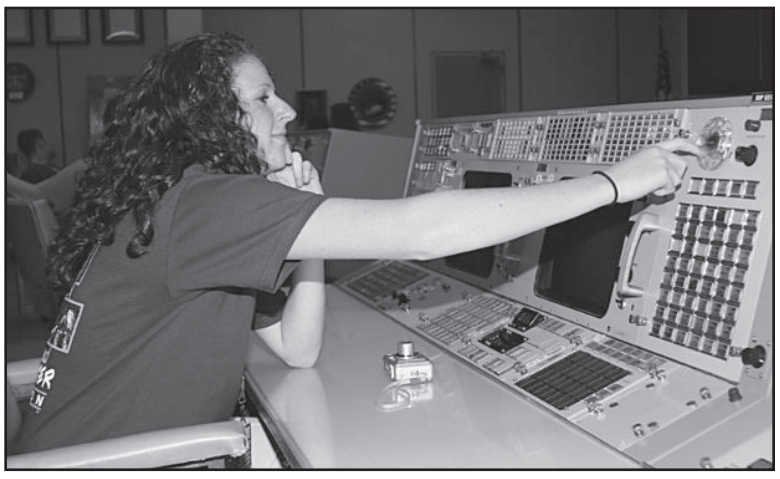
A Chickasaw attorney is active in environmental law and other areas in the state of Washington.

Helen Nowlin earned her master of laws degree in international environmental law from George Washington University. Originally from Los Angeles, she now practices environmental, business and contract laws and consumer advocacy in Washington.

She has created a company, "Take the Farm Home" which is designed help create a local food security network system. She was recently appointed to the Sustainable Agriculture Committee in her jurisdiction.

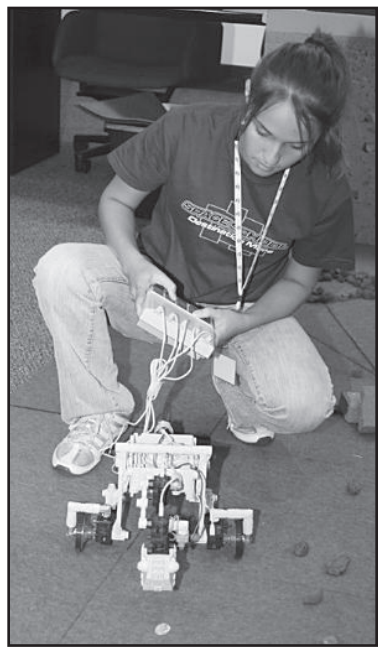
Engineering, math students encouraged

Students attend NASA Space School at Johnson Center



Laurice Littlefield views the control panel in the historic NASA Mission Control Center used during the Apollo missions and when astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon.

Cooie Potts and Skotty Howell design and construct a Rover Lander symbolizing an actual Lander that would safely land on the surface of Mars protecting the Rover for Mars exploration.



Courtney Benton maneuvers the white team's rover through the simulated Mars Exploration Mission obstacle course. Each team designed a rover and competed for the most points by identifying rocks and maneuvering through the course.

Eighteen Chickasaw students attended Space School June 9-13 at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

The Chickasaw students were one of only two U.S. groups of the total 11 international organizations attending Space School at Space Center Houston this summer.

"Space School is a once in a lifetime opportunity shared only by a select group of students throughout the world," said Space Center education specialist James Semple III. "Students speak to NASA scientists and engineers and have the opportunity to go behind the scenes of NASA."

During Space School, students are divided into teams to focus on teamwork, problem-solving, communications and adaptation to unexpected problems. Provided a hypothetical NASA budget, teams must work within their budget to complete assigned missions. The team with the highest remaining budget at the end of the week is awarded the recognition of the top overall team.

Teams faced simulated challenges of designing a rover to land on Mars, analyzing rock samples with Reflective Spectrometers, lofting rock samples into orbit and safely designing a rocket with successful lift off and parachute deployment. Along with the engineering activities of Space School, students worked together to develop educational presentations on the topics of communication, rockets, rovers, Landers, launching and Spectrometers.

"This was my second year to be a part of Space School," said Chickasaw student and Byng (OK) High School graduate Brandon Blankenship. "I had such a great experience last year that I wanted to attend this year to learn more."

Space School is for students interested in pursuing careers in engineering, math, science and technology. The school is designed to challenge students in a week-long exploration of their individual talents.

"Students walk away with a new outlook on NASA and the missions performed by employees and astronauts," said Chickasaw Nation Education Services director Lori Hamilton. "They also have a better understanding of the variety of professions that it takes to accomplish a mission to space."

Students participated in the NASA Level 9 Tour consisting of the historic Mission Control Center, the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory, the simulated International Space Station and Rocket Park. They also experienced a once in a lifetime opportunity of attending a presentation by Eugene "Gene" Kranz, leader of the NASA flight directors who guided the Apollo 13 spacecraft safely back to earth in 1970.

"Mr. Kranz's presentation was outstanding and I learned a lot about the Apollo 13 mission," said Chickasaw student and Roff (OK) High School graduate Laurice Littlefield. "The presentation furthered my interest with NASA."

Space Center Houston is a non-profit organization specializing in the education and inspiration of students for the future of NASA. Chickasaw students interested in engineering, math, science and technology are encouraged to apply for the Chickasaw Nation Johnson Space School program.

"This program is offered to Chickasaw students ranging from high school sophomores to recent high school graduates," said Chickasaw Nation Division of Education Administrator Lisa John. "The Education Division actively seeks programs for Chickasaw students that expose them to new opportunities and educational experiences they might not otherwise experience at home."

For more information, contact education services director Lori Hamilton at (580) 421-7711, lori.hamilton@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Connerville- Tony Poe-580-421-4994

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Newcastle-Tom Hogland-405-381-2268

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Community Dinner-July 22-580-310-6451

Tishomingo

Tishomingo-Ann Fink-580-371-3351

Summer Film Series- July 25 and August 8-580-371-3351

Kingston

Kingston-Patricia Bostick-580-564-2975

OKC Metro

Oklahoma City-Pam Conard-405-973-8127

Tulsa

Chickasaw Gathering-July 19-866-466-1481

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San Antonio-Michele Moody-210-492-2288

Austin-Gene Thompson-512-258-7919

Dallas/Fort Worth-John C. Atkins-972-271-0692

Chickasaw interns gather for orientation, then off to sites for work

Chickasaw intern Joel Dameron, right, practices a self-defense technique on Officer Phillip Wood through the Lighthorse Police self-defense training during Internship Orientation May 29.

Fourteen Chickasaw students attended the Chickasaw Nation Internship Orientation May 28-30 at the Lazer Zone Family Fun Center in Ada.

During orientation, students discussed the internship program guidelines, toured Chickasaw Nation facilities and learned Chickasaw history and language. The group also received self defense training from the Lighthorse Police Department, wellness training from the wellness center staff and career development training from administrative services.

"The orientation was very informative and a fun experience," said Chickasaw Nation Information Technology intern John Michael Sedlak IV. "I feel prepared, comfortable and eager to start my job."

After orientation completion, students traveled to their designated internship sites to begin employment.

"During my internship, I hope to lean more about the Chickasaw Nation's government and its relationship with the federal government," said Chickasaw Nation Washington Office intern Ariana Seidel. "I also hope to make connections and build relationships with more individuals within the tribe."

Chickasaw students who received internship placement through the Chickasaw Nation participated in the orientation, with some traveling from as far as Florida and Pennsylvania.

Students in attendance were selected for internships at various places across the United States, from Ada to Washington, D.C. Internship sites include the National Indian Education Association and Chickasaw Nation Washington Office in Washington D.C., as well as the Chickasaw Nation Multimedia and Information Technology departments in Ada, and more.

Through the Internship program, the tribe provides each student with a six- to eight-week internship opportunity, a weekly stipend, one round-trip airline ticket to and from the intern site and housing accommodations.

The Internship program is conducted at different times throughout the year in locations determined by the Chickasaw Nation. Students apply and are selected by a selection committee. The tribal Education Division staff works with the student and employer to determine internship timelines and specifics.

To qualify for the program, applicants must complete an internship application and submit all documentation to the Chickasaw Nation Internship program coordinator. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 and be a full-time Chickasaw college student enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student.

For more information, contact the Internship coordinator Chenae Lippard at (580) 436-0877, chenae.lippard@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Xtreme Camp focuses on leadership, 'adrenaline rush'

Several Chickasaw citizens learned valuable lessons in leadership while pushing their physical limits at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Xtreme Camp, June 15-19, 2008.

Cross Point Camp, the site for Xtreme Camp, is located on Lake Texoma in Kingston, Okla. Xtreme Camp is intended for students ages 15 to 18 and aims to teach leadership by activity, rather than in a lecture setting.

"We want the kids to really test themselves," said sponsor and State Rep. Todd Thomsen of Ada.

While at the camp, the students had the opportunity to participate in many challenging activities such as tubing, skeet shooting, horseback riding, high ropes courses and scaling a 65-foot climbing tower.

"Kids want their adrenaline rush," said John Talley, FCA North Central Area Director. "We want them to do it right - safely and legally."

Drew Elliot, a sophomore at Ada High School, said Xtreme Camp not only tests you physically, but emotionally as well.

"Thirty minutes after I met some of the other campers, I had to put trust in them while doing one of the obstacle courses," he said.

The tribe was represented by both campers and counselors, or "huddle leaders." These huddle leaders are collegiate athletes from across the state.

Jeremy Timms, Tishomingo, attended Xtreme Camp as a teenager. He now serves as director of the huddle leaders.

"It's awesome to see these kids learn the values and bond just like I did when I was here as a camper," he said.

For more information on Xtreme Camp, contact Melissa Wilkerson at (580) 310-6620.

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Young girls hit the mats for cheerleading camp

Universal Cheer Association instructor Julia Beard instructs cheerleaders on techniques during the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club Cheer Camp, June 17-19 in Tishomingo.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Thirteen members of the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club participated in a Cheer Camp in Tishomingo, Okla., on June 17-19, 2008.

Universal Cheer Association instructor Julia Beard was on hand, teaching the girls classic cheerleading techniques.

"This is the youngest group I've had," she said. "They've been so fun and they're all really sweet and interested in cheerleading."

The three-day camp covered core stunts, such as jumps and stances as well as advanced stunts such as baskets and lifts. A variety of chants, cheers and dances were also part of the curriculum.

Allaina McClendon, 8, of Tishomingo, particularly enjoyed the holds she learned.

"My favorite part was the 'baby carriage' hold," she said. "It was really fun to learn."

When they weren't cheering, the girls, ages six to 11, were taught team-building exercising and safety awareness.

In its first year, the camp was offered as a privilege to the Boys and Girls Club students who maintained good behavior, attendance and grades.

"This has been really successful," said club executive director Toni Pace. "We hope to keep it up and make it even bigger and better."

For more information on the Boys and Girls Club or Cheer Camp, call (580) 622-8442.

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Ardmore Lakeview Golf Course

Young Indian golfers participate in Native American Jr. Golf Open

Golfers in the eight-to-12 year-old category included, Stormy Randazzo, of Dallas, who placed first and Logan Matthews, of Ada, who placed second in the tournament.

From left, Chris Hughes, Tyler Gillispie, Julie Uhles, Jayson Hogland and Colin Potter participated in the 12-14 year old group.

Golfers in the 15 year-old and up category include, from left, Travis Arnold, of Tishomingo, first place; Bryeson Lance, of Sulphur, second place; and Chris Campbell, of Davis, third place.

Twelve young Native American golfers participated in the fifth annual Native American Jr. Open Golf Tournament, June 7 at Ardmore's Lakeview Golf Course.

Open to all Native American boys and girls ages 8-18, the event is hosted by the Chickasaw Nation to provide an opportunity for young golfers to compete in a tournament setting, in a relaxed atmosphere.

For many golfers, like Jayson Hogland, of Tuttle, Okla., the event marked the first tournament experience.

Twelve-year-old Jayson said he enjoyed his first tournament experience.

"I have been playing for several years but I am just now getting serious," Jayson, a seventh-grader, said.

Jayson was a member of the 12-14 age group, which competed in nine holes of play.

Three age groups competed for first, second and third place in each division. Golfers from towns including Ardmore, Dickson, Marlow, Lone Grove and Maysville participated in the event.

Older golfers played 18 holes. Most younger golfers completed in nine holes.

Eight-year-old Stormy Randazzo, a Seminole, traveled from the Dallas area to compete in the tournament.

"I like it," she said.

Stormy has been playing golf since she was four, her mother said.

Golfers who participated included Bradley Uhles, Julie Uhles, Bryeson Lance, Chris Campbell, Colin Potter, Stormy Randazzo, Travis Arnold, Tyler McCollum, Logan Matthews, Tyler Gillispie, Jayson Hogland and Chris Hughes.

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Scores of young Chickasaw golfers hit the links for Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp

Avery Carroll, of Ada, participated in the Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp, June 16-19 at Win Star Golf Course near Thackerville, Okla.

THACKERVILLE, Okla.– For the second consecutive year, Winstar Golf Course was the setting for the Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp.

More than 140 Chickasaw youth and 22 coaches participated in the eighth annual event, conducted June 16-19.

Beginning golfers, ages 8-14, took their turn on the greens Monday and Tuesday, June 16 and 17. Forty-one advanced players perfected their golf skills Wednesday and Thursday, according to camp director Chris Alford.

Participants stayed at Lake Murray Lodge when not on the course.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the camp introduced a sport that can be played throughout life and teaches life-lessons.

"Golf teaches self-discipline and respect for others," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It also helps foster a strong work ethic."

Beginners learned a variety of new skills, despite rainy weather during one day of camp.

Avery Carroll, a 10-year-old Adan, made her third trip to golf camp, and said she reconnected with many old friends and made some new ones.

She said the driving range was her favorite part of camp.

"I learned how to hit my fairway better," she said. Chipping, driving, putting, and golf etiquette are just a few of the skills practiced at camp.

Novice and more advanced players competed in a scramble their last day of camp, which consisted of teams of four playing a round of golf.

Winning first place in the scramble with a score of

59 (13 under) was the team of Kenny Dennis, Haskell Alexander, Jarred Alexander and Skye Rheyen.

Several coaches have volunteered at the camp for many years, including Mary and Phil Shivers. The couple, both teachers in the Latta school district, has helped out for the past five years.

A small player-to-coach ratio, Alford said, ensured each camper received individual attention.

Alford said a mix of returning and new campers are selected for the camp.

David Leonard, of Sulphur, Okla., was one of a few older participants who tried the game for the first time at camp. Leonard reported he was having a good time while learning a new sport.

All campers receive a set of golf clubs and have the option to trade them in for a new set after two years.

The younger golfers receive a junior set of clubs, Alford said, and graduate to an adult set as they grow.

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Chickasaw netters hit the courts for Chickasaw Nation Tennis Clinic

Participants in the Intermediate Tennis Clinic, conducted June 2-5 in Ada include, front row from left, Tyler Brown, Taylor Wood, Cortland Chiles and Sierra Newsom. Second row from left, Trevor Brown, Natalie Keel, Avery Carroll, Dylan Walker and Lauren Burden. Third row from left, Alexis Walker, Lauri Clark, Ryan Rice, Dakota Brown and Morgan George. Back row from left, coaches Skip Griese, Carolyn Nimmo, Matt Folsom and Terry Swopes.

Participating in the Chickasaw Nation Beginner Tennis Clinic include, sitting from left, Rebecca Stanford, Justice Lewis, Sadie Criswell, Max Elliott, Patrick Cooke, Cuterra Love, Max Stafford and Bailey McCurdy. Second row from left, Raydon Clark, Jace Spiegel, Cayman Watkins, Harmon Lewis, Justin Palmer, Jason Morgan, Terrysha Banner, Kai Watkins, Robin Hatton, Tori Hatton, Landon Swopes and Jackson Swopes. Third row from left, Karsen Johnson, Thomas Palmer, Kyle Brigham, Kennedy Clark, Keegan Trett, Caleb Parry, Jonathon White, Samantha Perry and Maddie Jessepe. Fourth row from left, coach Carolyn Nimmo, Kale Tiger, coach Kevin Waller, String Lewis, Ashley Brigham, coach Sky Nelson, Maddie Duty, Emily Duty, Skyler Lofton, coach Terry Swopes, Jordan Stick, Ricky Stanford, coach Matt Folsom, Britany Lofton, coach Sunny Swopes, Sequoyah Lindsey, coach Skip Griese and Hunter Needham.

ADA, Okla. - Dozens of Chickasaw youth from around the area had an opportunity to learn the game of tennis, or at least improve their skills and techniques during annual Chickasaw Nation Tennis Clinic, conducted the first week of June at the Ada Tennis Center.

Thirty-seven beginning tennis players attended tennis clinic June 9-12.

Campers and coaches also learned how to improvise when rain forced them into the Family Life Center gym, twice, early in the week.

But, later in the week the skies cleared and tennis resumed on the courts.

Players learned all aspects of the game.

"I am learning the backhand is more difficult than the front serve," said eight-year-old Torrie Hatton, of Ada.

It was the third grader's first time at camp.

It was also nine-year-old Max Elliott's first time at camp. He said it was "pretty fun" and he was learning new games.

Teamwork was stressed during most of the games as teams worked together to try to be the first group to score points.

"Play day" was the highlight of the final day. Campers hit ball in an attempt to knock over items such as sports drinks, canisters of socks, tennis grips and hats.

Eight-year-old Keegan Trett, of Sulphur, Okla., said play day was his favorite event at the four-day camp.

Fifteen intermediate tennis players "held court" June 2-6.

"This class is working on court strategy, the mental game, serving and playing the court," said tennis camp veteran coach Carolyn Nimmo.

Nimmo, Skip Griese, Kevin Waller, Matt Folsom and Terry Swopes served as coaches at the clinic.

Tennis camper Torrie Hatton.

Sisters Natalie and Allison Keel have made repeat appearances at camp for the past three years.

"I have been coming since I was seven," said Allison.

"I am learning to move your feet and not hit down," Natalie interjected.

The intermediate players also ended their camp with a play day. Besides the goodies won during the game, participants received a tennis racquet from the Chickasaw Nation for their hard work and dedication, and a lime green Tennis Camp t-shirt.

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Young tennis players listen intently to instructions during the beginning tennis clinic.

Camp Pehlichi Ikbi hones youth leadership skills

Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy presents a motivational talk about the importance of good choices and self-assurance during Pehlichi Ikbi Leadership Camp June 21-22.

Ada teens Nacobi Walker, Kyle Treat and Jessie Miller, from left, are part of Camp Pehlichi Ikbi, along with 29 other teens from across the Chickasaw Nation.

Thirty-two Chickasaw and Native youth sharpened their leadership skills during the Chickasaw Nation Pehlichi Ikbi Leadership Camp, June 21-22 in Ada.

During the event, the teen campers heard presentations on a wide variety of topics, including public speaking techniques, internet safety, and career and life choices.

Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy, a Chickasaw, spoke to the group, encouraging the young people to make wise choices, and not be afraid to attempt new things.

"To reach your dreams, you have to take risks," she said. "The failure is the person who never tries."

During her interactive talk, Billy led the campers in a motivational chat: "I want, I will, I'll get."

Campers then divided into small groups to create their own chant.

"No excuses, only progress," "We believe we will succeed," and "We can, we will, we do," are a few of the mantras campers created.

Rep. Billy also challenged the group to think.

"When you do something in your life, think about what you are going to learn."

Following Rep. Billy's presentation, teacher and coach Ben White gave campers an insider's view of the teaching profession.

Camper Jessie Miller, of Ada, said she was inspired by the speakers.

"I am going to be an elementary teacher, so anything I can learn at this camp will be helpful," said the soon-to-be college freshman. "As a teacher, I will be a leader, so I am looking forward to it."

Miller said she found Rep. Billy's talk motivational.

"She made me believe I can do what I want to do."

Jessie serves as secretary on the Chickasaw Nation Pontotoc District Youth Council.

Nacobi Walker, who is also on the Pontotoc District Youth Council, said she attended the event to learn how to be a better leader.

Kyle Treat, a Byng eighth grader, said he met new young people from across the Chickasaw Nation and also learned to open up to people.

Besides learning new interpersonal skills, campers also had the opportunity to swim, and be entertained by a hypnotist. Knowledge was put to the test in a Quiz Bowl Tournament, before the event wound down with an overnight stay at Lazer Zone Family Fun Center.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Youth Council, contact Tonya Bierce at (580) 310-9540.

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Karate tournament highlights tribal martial arts program

Martial Arts students from across the state participated in the annual karate tournament, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation June 14. More than 225 students competed in the tournament.

More than 225 martial arts competitors from across Oklahoma converged in Ada in May to compete in the annual Chickasaw Nation Karate Tournament, conducted at the tribe's Family Life Center.

Matt Clark, tribal martial arts instructor, said the tournament serves as an avenue to share the Chickasaw culture, and was an overwhelming success.

"We make it a tribute to our Chickasaw warriors. It is one of the biggest in Oklahoma so far this year," he said.

Fifty-one students from the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program competed and 37 placed at the day-long event.

*See **Karate Tournament,** page 28*

Camp Survivor takes youth out of 'comfort zone,' into great outdoors

100 Native American youth learned more about healthy living, teamwork and friendship during the fifth annual Chickasaw Nation Camp Survivor, conducted May 27-30 at Camp Classen near Davis.

DAVIS, Okla. - More than 100 campers and 20 counselors spent four days in May venturing out of their comfort zone during Chickasaw Nation Camp Survivor, conducted at Camp Classen near Davis.

Campers learned about proper nutrition and exercise, teamwork and goal setting during this energetic camp.

"The goal is to give campers the tools to make the right choices when it comes to health and wellness," said Allen Elliott, tribal health program manager. "During the end of camp evaluation, this year's campers overwhelmingly responded that they would make positive changes in their eating and exercising habits once they returned home."

Camp Survivor, in its fifth year, offered the participants a chance to "Accept the Challenge" and try new activities including horseback riding, a climbing wall, canoeing, fishing, hiking and stickball.

Team challenges were a big hit with campers.

Each team, named for Chickasaw colors, was comprised of 10-11 campers.

In one tag-team challenge, a team member ran from the starting line to an awaiting canoe, tagged team members in a canoe, who paddled to a high platform. One camper then jumped in the chilly lake, swam to the platform and jumped off, swam back to the boat and the crew paddled back to shore and tagged the runner.

"It was awesome," said Jason Justin Palmer, a nine-year-old from Norman, Okla.

When asked what he learned at Camp Survivor, he said he learned to survive.

> ***"It was awesome."***
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> - Nine-year-old Jason Justin Palmer, Norman

Arianna Lopez, 11, of Sulphur, Okla., said she also enjoyed the challenges at camp. She also "made tons of new friends from all around the country and learned new Chickasaw words."

Bailee McCurdy, a fourth grader from Ada, said her first trip to camp was fun.

"I swam for my team and jumped off the tower," Bailee said. "I learned how to say all kinds of words in Chickasaw and I made new friends.

"I will be back next time."

Ashlee Browkaw, a Tishomingo eighth grader, said her favorite parts of Camp Survivor were the challenges.

"That's when we all came together and worked as a team," she said.

"This camp creates a special bond," said Toni Pace, Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Club executive director.

Each day concluded with a tribal council meeting. At these nightly gatherings, a "leader of the day" was selected and given the opportunity to share his thoughts.

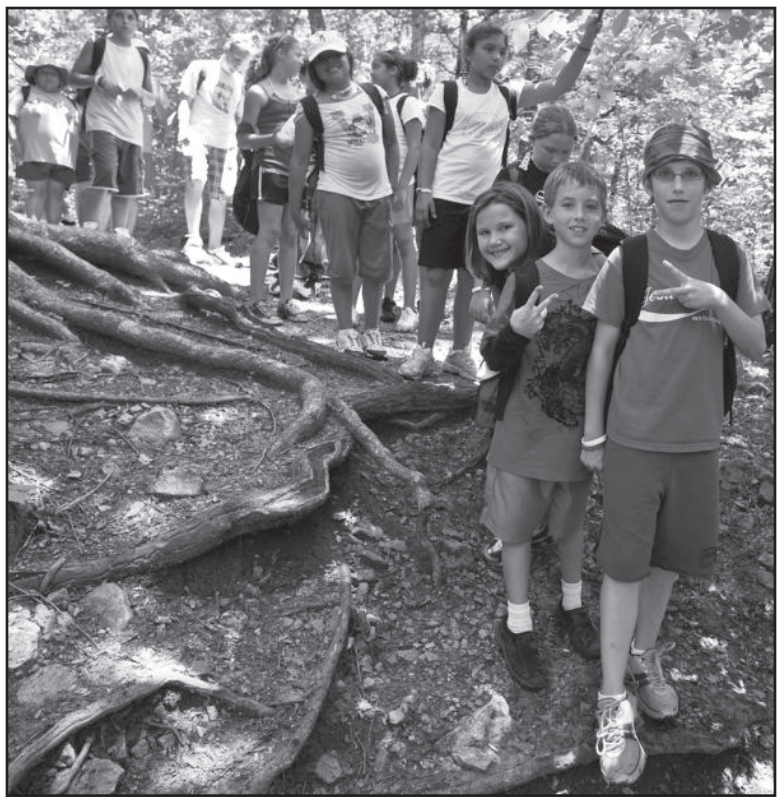
Nahinli Billy, of Purcell, Okla., told the group, "I get so excited on my way here, and can't wait to do the neat things they do here."

It was his second time at camp.

The camp, which stresses Chickasaw culture and values, makes him proud, he said, to be a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

As far as personal goals, Nahinli said he was able to go higher on the rope swing than he did last year, and he passed the test to swim in the deep water and play with the inflatable water toys. Some younger campers got "up close and personal" with nature, like Jace Spiegel, a camper from Ada, who said he learned about bugs at camp.

Camp Survivor participant Jace Spiegel tries out a rope swing during a break from camp activities.



Camp Survivor campers Justin Palmer and Dylan Harden don't let a hike up Warren Mountain deter their peaceful attitude. The boys were two of more than 100 Chickasaw and native youth who attended the fun-filled camp.

"And about poison ivy," he said, as he swatted at a flying insect. He said he enjoyed exploring the woods during his "very very first time" at camp.

While waiting their turn to ride horses on the last day of camp, campers learned about the dangers of smoking and how to handle peer pressure.

Camp concluded with a hike up Warren Mountain and an awards ceremony.

Okchamali Bika was the overall winning team of the week-long event.

Favorite Female Counselor was Katherine Asbery, who is a Wellness Counselor at the Ardmore Wellness Center, and Favorite Male Counselor was George Ca-Te Jesse, Assistant Chief of the Lighthorse Police Department.

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Karate Tournament, continued from page 27

Breanna Schultz, of Purcell, Okla., competed at the event and has been in karate for three years. The nine-year-old said the best part about karate is "learning self-defense."

Ten-year-old Brittani Ayres, of Ardmore, Okla., is a newcomer to the sport. She has been in the Chickasaw Nation program for six months.

When asked what she liked best about karate, she said "the sparring."

She urges other kids to "try it (karate) - it's a lot of fun. You get to do all these nice activities almost everyday-its awesome!"

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Diabetes Camp emphasizes diet, exercise, making good choices for life

DAVIS, Okla. - Thirty Chickasaw citizens learned keys to help live healthier lives during the annual Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp, June 2-6 at the Davis Microtel.

Campers, who are all diabetic, committed more than four days to the camp.

"The campers were genuinely interested in learning about diabetes," said Shon McCage, Chickasaw Nation health promotions specialist. "We couldn't have asked for a better group of people."

"I have wanted to come (to camp) for four years," said Pamela Smith, of Newcastle, Okla. "I'm learning how to eat right and what not to eat."

Mrs. Smith has been battling diabetes for 15 years, and she said she was grateful for the education and the tribe's efforts to keep its citizens health.

"The Chickasaw Nation is offering a great program for the community."

Dorothy Lacher, of Ada, attended camp for the second time.

"I learn something new every time I come," she said.

Mrs. Lacher raved about the meals and snacks served at camp.

"The food they serve is excellent, I never feel hungry."

Recipes were available for many of the diabetic-friendly dishes served at camp.

Brenda Rolan, of Paoli, Okla., was diagnosed with diabetes in 2001.

"The camp is very informative and very motivational," she said.

She said she enjoyed the fellowship with people from around Oklahoma and surrounding states, and made a few new friends.

Counting carbohydrates and an initial health screen were also eye-opening experiences for Mrs. Rolan.

Camp activities centered on exercise. Campers could select the intensity of exercise based on their abilities. Choices ranged from short and long walks to chair exercises to aquatic workouts.

Healthy food choices and education were priorities of the camp, as well as regular blood sugar checks throughout the day.

Nutrition education with sessions on portion size, food labels, meal planning heart healthy food and a general question-and-answer session were also a part of the camp's curriculum.

Campers learned about meal planning by using rubber food and portion size by using various sized serving spoons and dry ingredients such as beans and rice.

Other informative presentations during camp included tips on dental care, foot care, smoking cessation, eye care, heart health and the psychosocial aspects of diabetes. All presentations were conducted by Chickasaw Nation Health System staff members and physicians.

During closing ceremonies, the Most Motivating Camper award went to Joann Taylor, of Ada, and the t-shirt design winners were Alex Gipson and Jackie Cervantes, both of Pauls Valley. Their design will be used for the next year's camp t-shirts.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy.

Native Americans run a high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. Complications including heart disease, kidney disease, stroke, eye and foot complications and skin complications are common with diabetes.

For more information on Diabetes Camp or the CNHS Diabetes Care Center, please call (580) 421-4532.

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Chickasaw elder Irene Digby, Davis, monitors her blood sugar during Diabetes Camp.

Tribal health promotions specialist Shon McCage leads campers, from left, Sammie Montgomery, Sharon Pace, Irene Digby, Barbara Freeman and Mary Beth Nance in chair aerobics during camp. Camp activities centered on daily exercise.

Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Center dietitian Melissa Vavricka-Conaway, standing, leads campers, from left, Joann Taylor, Bob Moore and Brenda Sweeney in an educational game during diabetes camp.

Karate Tournament results

Results of Chickasaw Nation students are as follows:

1.	Makyna Madison	5 and under	2nd forms	
2.	Cade Skinner	6-7 - Intermediate	3rd forms	
3.	Rebecca Stanford	8-9 - Beginner	3rd forms	
4.	Dakota Truelove	8-9 - Beginner	2nd forms	3rd fighting
5.	Alec Brownfield	8-9 – Intermediate	1st forms	3rd fighting
6.	Dale Shackleford	8-9 – Intermediate	2nd forms	
7.	Brea Schultz	8-9 – Intermediate		1st fighting
8.	Eddie Power	8-9 – Intermediate	2nd forms	
9.	Breanna Schultz	8-9 – Advanced	2nd forms	2nd fighting
10.	Raven Truelove	10-11Girls - Beginner	3rd forms	2nd fighting
11.	Jennifer Power	10-11 Girls - Beginner	3rd forms	1st fighting
12.	Katherine Shackleford	10-11 Girls - Intermediate	2nd forms	
13.	Colten Skinner	10-11 Boys – Advanced	2nd forms	3rd fighting
14.	Tim Guzman	12-13 Boys – Intermediate	1st forms	2nd fighting
15.	Colton Cravatt	12-13 Boys – Intermediate	2nd forms	1st fighting
16.	Stephen George	12-13 Boys – Advanced	1st forms	1st fighting
17.	Skye Shackleford	14-15 Girls – Intermediate	1st forms	3rd fighting
18.	Brooke Shackleford	14-15 Girls – Intermediate		1st fighting
19.	Chigger Davidson	14-15 Girls – Advanced	1st forms	1st fighting
20.	Brittani Schultz	14-15 Girls – Advanced	3rd forms	3rd fighting
21.	Nick Miller	14-15 Boys – Beginner	1st forms	1st fighting
22.	Quinn Simmer	14-15 Boys – Intermediate		1st fighting
23.	Lorenzo Charqueno	14-15 Boys – Intermediate		3rd fighting
24.	Amanda Shackleford	16-17 Girls – Intermediate	2nd forms	1st fighting
25.	Uvaldo Carrilo	16-17 Boys – Intermediate	3rd forms	2nd fighting
26.	ShaChrista Madison	Women's Beginner	2nd forms	1st fighting
27.	Angela Johnson	Women's Beginner	1st forms	2nd fighting
28.	Tony Madison	Men's Heavyweight Beginner	2nd forms	1st fighting
29.	Joshua Vincent	Men's Heavyweight Beginner	3rd forms	2nd fighting
30.	Kenneth Guzman	Men's Heavyweight Advanced	2nd forms	2nd fighting
31.	Steven Brownfield	Executive Men	1st forms	2nd fighting
32.	Richard Serrano	Executive Men	3rd forms	3rd fighting
33.	Matt Guzman	16-17 Boy Jr. Black Belt	2nd forms	1st fighting
34.	Connie Skinner	Women's Executive Black Belt	2nd forms	2nd fighting
35.	Greg Skinner	Men's Executive Black Belt		2nd fighting
36.	Jay Clark	Men's Senior Black Belt	3rd forms	
37.	Matt Clark	Men's Senior Black Belt	1st forms	2nd fighting

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest May 2008 winners

The tribal Division of Housing and Tribal Development sponsors an annual Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest each Spring. This contest is open to all active participants in the Homeowners Program and runs from May through August.

Two winners are selected from the Pontotoc District, Pickens District and Panola/Tishomingo District for the Legislator Award of a month's free house payment. These winners will then advance to compete for the Lt. Governor Award of a $50 Wal-mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for May 2008 is James Miller.

These four winners will then be eligible for the Governor's Award of a $250 Wal-mart gift card. This selection will be made in October.

You can submit your home by calling Diana Faulkner at (580) 421-8800, or by e-mail at Diana.Faulkner@chickasaw.net. A Housing

Representative will be sent to photograph your home and yard.

Good Luck!

James Miller - Pontotoc District

Ray Wilkerson - Pontotoc District

Misty Howell - Pickens District

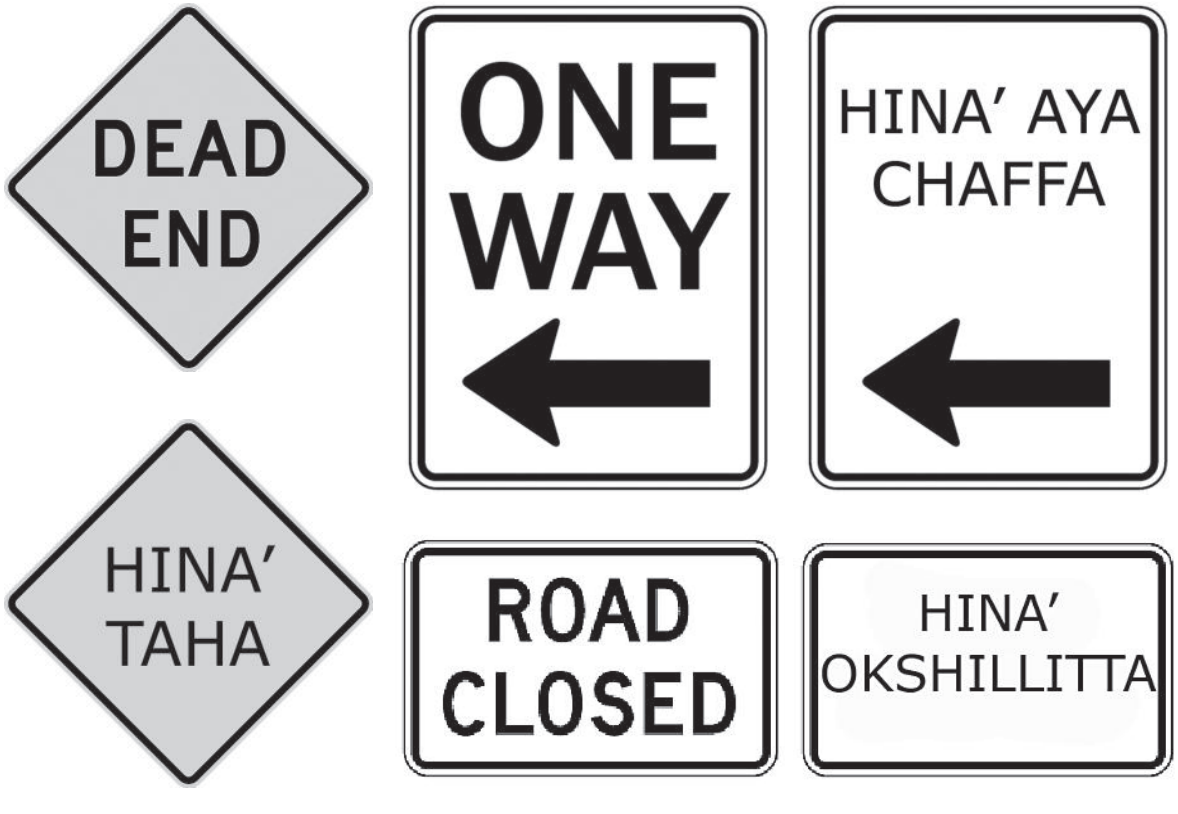
Sheila Prince - Pickens District

Language committee provides practical translations

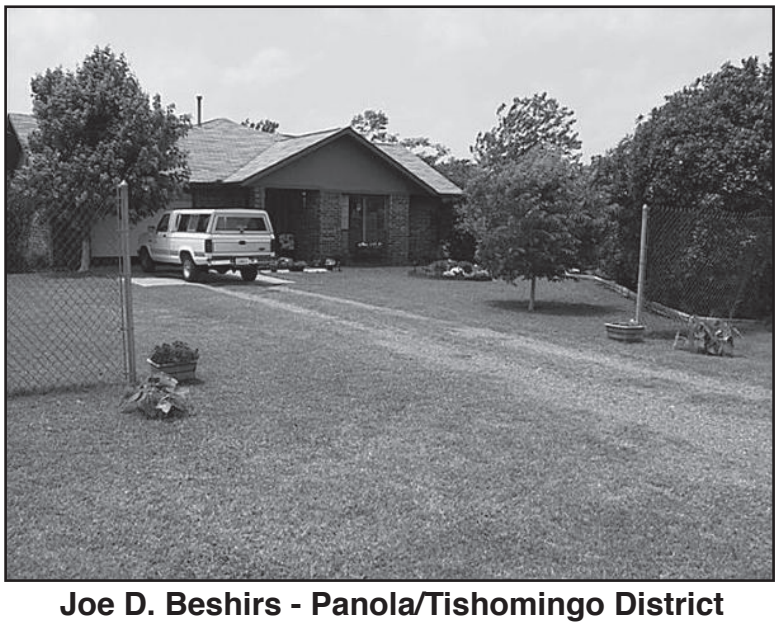
Let's learn street signs in Chickasaw!

The Chickasaw Language Committee has developed translations for many common street signs. Below are some common street signs along with the signs as they would appear in Chickasaw.

Chickasaw traffic signs (Chikashsha i̲hina anoli)



Gina St. John - Panola/Tishomingo District



Joe D. Beshirs - Panola/Tishomingo District

May 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Jaynee Bell

Jaynee Bell

Jaynee, daughter of Brett and Denise Bell, of Austin, Texas, is a May 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Equestrian Show Jumping.

Jaynee is in the fourth grade at Bridge Point Elementary in Austin. She was nominated by Kalli Smith, trainer at Lone Star Stables.

"The skills Jaynee has learned with equestrian show jumping are valuable life skills," said Ms. Smith. "Jaynee's willingness to learn, her competitive drive and her strong work ethic will continue to bring her success inside and outside the show arena."

Jaynee's favorite part of life is her training horse "Trump." Jaynee participates in a competitive equestrian show jumping training program at Lone Star Stables in Austin. After studying and practicing English riding for years, she has recently started entering local jumping competitions.

"I am glad my parents help me with my training," said Jaynee. "If it wasn't for them, I would not have Trump."

Nathaniel Daniel

Nathaniel Daniel

Nathaniel, son of John and Cindy Daniel, of Coalgate, Okla., is a May 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Reading.

Nathaniel is in the third grade at Cottonwood School in Coalgate. He was nominated by third grade teacher Renay Forman.

"The third grade class set a goal of obtaining 80 reading points by the end of the school year, but Nathaniel set an individual goal of obtaining 300 points," said Ms. Forman. "He finished the year with 305 points by reading 242 books. I am very proud of Nathaniel's outstanding reading achievement."

Nathaniel enjoys jumping on the trampoline with his brothers and sister, shooting his BB gun, hunting, reading, playing sports and fishing.

"In the future I may want to be a scientist, because I like to read and make stuff," said Nathaniel.

Kristen Galles

Kristen Galles

Kristen, daughter of Patrick and Pam Galles, of Ardmore, Okla., is a May 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Kristen is a sophomore at Plainview High School in Ardmore. She was nominated by Indian Education secretary Bobbi Young.

"Kristen is in the top ten percent of the sophomore class and she is working towards her goal to attend Oklahoma State University," said Ms. Young.

Kristen is part of the Superintendent's Honor Roll, the Oklahoma National Honor Society, *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the Beta Club and the top ten percent of her class.

Kristen plays softball and basketball for Plainview High School receiving an All-Conference award in softball this year.

"I hope to attend Oklahoma State University in Veterinary Medicine," said Kristen. "After I receive my degree, I would like to move back to Ardmore and start my own business."

Jay Lane

Jay, son of Tina Lane, of Ravia, Okla., is a May 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Jay is in the fifth grade at Ravia Elementary School. He was nominated by Ravia School secretary Debbie Akins.

"Jay has worked really hard all year long to improve in his math and reading," said Ms. Akins. "He has made an outstanding improvement this year."

Jay enjoys playing basketball and baseball.

"In the future, I would like to attend college," said Jay.

Grady LeDoux

Grady LeDoux

Grady, son of Sandra Wells-Chapman, of Fort Worth, Texas, is a May 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Theatre and Drama.

Grady is a junior at Bethesda Christian School in Fort Worth. He was nominated by fine arts director Susan Coad.

"Grady is outstanding in all areas of the fine arts at Bethesda," said Ms. Coad. "He has carried leading roles in our musical productions since he was a freshman."

Grady currently holds the first chair position in his high school concert band. He holds the rank of Worship Band Leader at Bethesda. In his high school performing arts program, he has played the roles of the Beast in "Beauty and the Beast," Jeff Douglas in "Brigadoon" and the Prince in "Cinderella."

"I plan to attend a four-year college and study construction management in order to use my skills in the mission field," said Grady. "My ultimate goal is to lead others to Christ through every word and deed."

Kacey Noland

Kacey Noland

Kacey, daughter of Jeff and Lisa Noland, of Ardmore, Okla., is a May 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Kacey is a 2008 graduate of Ardmore High School. She was nominated by Indian education coordinator Deana Craighead.

"Kacey was a wonderful worker, spending part of her day working in the attendance office," said Ms. Craighead. "I am proud to nominate her for this award."

Kacey has been a Student Council Representative and has received honor certificates throughout high school.

"I enjoy working out at the Chickasaw Wellness Center in Ardmore and spending time with family and friends," said Kacey.

Carissa Whitmer

Carissa Whitmer

Carissa, daughter of John and Barbara Whitmer, of Nelsonville, Ohio, is a May 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Citizenship.

Carissa is in the third grade at Nelsonville-York Elementary in Nelsonville. She was nominated by third grade teacher Christina Renzelli.

"Carissa has demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding citizenship in the classroom," said Ms. Renzelli. "She is especially talented in creative writing."

Carissa is on the Merit Honor Roll and has perfect attendance. She sings in the local choir, plays basketball and softball and takes gymnastics.

Carissa's favorite hobbies are reading and writing stories. She also likes jumping rope, science and animals.

"When I get older, I want to write books and be an author," said Carissa.

Nicole Whitmer

Nicole Whitmer

Nicole, daughter of John and Barbara Whitmer, of Nelsonville, Ohio, is a May 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in achieving her goals.

Nicole is in the fourth grade at Nelsonville-York Elementary in Nelsonville. She was nominated by multi-disabled classroom teacher Joyce Rusch.

"Nicole always wants to help her classmates and friends," said Ms. Rusch. "It has been delightful watching her grow and make friends."

Nicole received second place honors in the Special Olympics 50-yard dash. She enjoys swimming, drawing and watching Hanna Montana. Her favorite color is blue and she loves visiting with her sisters and brother.

"Nicole has a genuine heart for life and always pushes past her obstacles," said Barbara Whitmer. "She has taught all of us to appreciate even the smallest things in life that are taken for granted."

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

Sulphur rabies clinic

Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative Misty Howell Duncan assists Patricia Marsh in registering Jelly, a dachshund, at the Sulphur area rabies clinic hosted by the CHRs on June 11. Pauls Valley DVM James Ruster administered over 120 rabies vaccinations to Sulphur-area pets. *Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.*

Mississippian's research leads to Tishomingo homestead

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Safely past April Fool's Day by almost 48 hours, I received an e-mail from a Baldwyn, Mississippi, man claiming to know the location of Chief Tishomingo's homestead. The tribe gets messages similar to this several times a year. Much of it turns out to be erroneous or can't be confirmed mainly because it consists of local legend.

At first, Mitch Caver's claim seemed to be one of those. With very few exceptions, we don't know where specific pre-removal Chickasaws actually lived. He cited some old diary entries mentioning the location of Tishomingo's home using physical features. And finally, Caver said he lived near the chief's old homestead. That's a red flag because it indicates that the claimant may have a vested emotional or financial interest in the site's location being in a certain place.

For example, many years ago, a hardcore of Pontotoc County residents convinced the state that the 1736 Battle of Ackia occurred near Pontotoc, Mississippi. They ignored compelling physical and documentary evidence that the battle occurred in Tupelo. They didn't back down even after the state archives and history department uprooted the Pontotoc area marker and erected an Ackia marker near the old high school in Tupelo.

Yet, I noticed Caver's e-mail address contained the letters "MDOT," meaning he was an employee of the Mississippi Department of Transportation. I assumed he might have access to maps and archaeological reports, and therefore could be onto something. My assumption wasn't quite accurate, as it turned out; archaeology had nothing to do with his job or interest in locating the land that was Tishomingo's homestead. But, he had maps and he offered to send them to me and copies of the diary entries.

I accepted his offer, and we continued to exchange e-mails. As a novice in the research of Chickasaw history, Mitch cited some local sources of information who I knew were not always trustworthy, and told him so. Later, after we met, he said the skeptical tone of my e-mails spurred him on.

He began searching for proof. Because one of the diary entries included deed coordinates for Tishomingo's property, "I suspected the sale might have been recorded," Mitch said. "And since I knew the property was in Lee County, I hurried over to the chancery clerk's office in Tupelo."

But the clerk delivered the bad news that Lee County's records only went back to its creation in 1866. That seemed to be that.

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Mitch Caver was born in Baldwyn, 20 miles up HW 45 from Tupelo. His ancestors have lived in the area for more than a century. Growing up, Mitch had always been interested in the area's claim to fame, the Battle of Brice's Crossroads of 1864. But because this Civil War site had been thoroughly researched, Mitch was more attracted to the enticing news that he heard from his friend's grandmother, Mrs. Ella Herring. Her father had told her that the great Chief Tishomingo lived near their farm before white people settled in the area.

Mitch was fascinated to learn that a real Indian chief once had lived practically in the neighborhood. Furthermore, the chief had to be famous, wise and powerful because nearby Tishomingo County had been named after him. Now the boy wanted to learn all of the details that made the chief such an illustrious leader of his tribe, the Chickasaws. To start, he asked Mrs. Herring the most obvious questions. What was the exact location of the chief's house? What kind of dwelling was it? Were other Chickasaws his neighbors? What did the name Tishomingo mean? What about his wife and children? And so on.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Herring didn't have the answers. But in a sense her ignorance was fortunate. Had she been able to answer his questions, Mitch's curiosity might have been satisfied. As it was, he filed the memory of Tishomingo away and one day a few years ago, decided to see if he could find out something about the chief and the location thereabouts of his homestead. His first clues appeared in the early 20th century writing of Harry Warren of the Mississippi Historical Society.

Warren quoted the writing of a pioneer named Edwin Thomas, who said he had met Tishomingo in 1834. While Mr. Thomas unfortunately recorded little of note about the meeting, he wrote that the chief "lived on the south side of a traveled road running a little north of east [probably northeast] and that he had a right smart sized farm and a good many negroes. He had a large spring across the road from his house and below, a few hundred yards, there was a natural rock bridge, the branch running under it." Also, the chief's house was 35 to 40 miles from Monroe Mission, a pre-Removal school for Chickasaw children located south of Pontotoc.

This wasn't much to go on, but since the location of the former mission was readily available, Mitch consulted a map and calculated that the distance from the mission to his neighborhood was approximately 35 miles.

Warren also noted that William Henry Gates visited Tishomingo's home many times but reported only that the chief was big, tall and rawboned. Berry Hodges, who said he spoke Chickasaw, lived close to nearby Ripley and wrote that he saw Tishomingo many times in that vicinity. He also recorded that he took a meal of hominy with the chief, who he described as "very old."

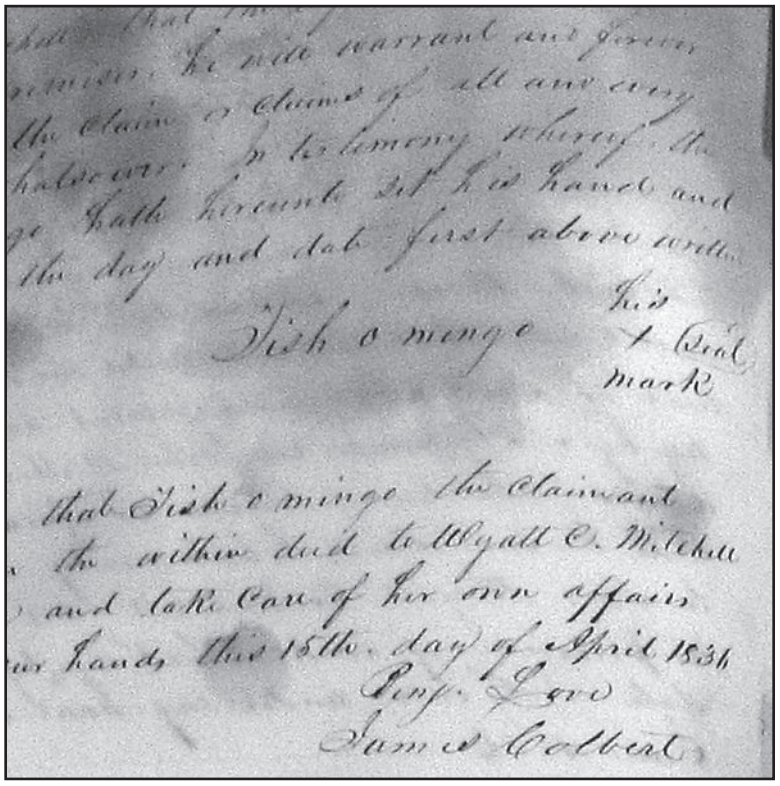
But Warren's best informant was Janie Agnew, who in 1904 sent him a map that placed Tishomingo's home on the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 7, Range 5 of Lee County. Mitch saw that these map coordinates placed the chief's home near the Blair Community, a few miles southwest of his home in Baldwyn. He drove to the area and while gazing at the rolling countryside that he now believed was Tishomingo's homestead, was thrilled to realize that he had discovered something important that had "been lost to the ages."

But, just as quickly, the nettlesome thought occurred to him: who will care? Mitch found my name on the Chickasaw Nation website and we began our correspondence about his research, extending to the dead end at the Lee County chancery office. Then, he contacted the chancery office in Iuka, the county seat of Tishomingo's namesake county. But no, he was told, a fire had destroyed all of the records prior to the 1880s. He contacted me with the bad news.

I told him that before Lee County came to be in 1866, the land he believed to be Tishomingo's homestead had been lo-

*See **Mitch Caver,** page 42*

Mitch Caver, left, notified the Chickasaw Nation last April that he had located Chief Tishomingo's pre-Removal homestead which is now owned by Lawrence Edwards, right. It is thought that the chief's house was located near the silo while the tree line beyond the pasture runs along Tishomingo Creek.



This is a portion of the original deed for the sale of Tishomingo's land in 1836. Mitch Caver found and photographed the original deed at the chancery clerk's office in Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Chickasaw Children's Village offers exceptional setting

The Chickasaw Children's Village, a residential facility for Native American students, is located near beautiful Lake Texoma. Students attend Kingston Public Schools while living on a campus consisting of 10 family-style cottages.

The students' participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged and supported by staff. Students live with a married couple who serve as house parents throughout the academic year. Only eight students are assigned to each set of house parents allowing for the individualized attention conducive to success.

The Chickasaw Children's Village promotes academic achievement while developing students' character. The staff provides students with the skills necessary for successful family function throughout their lifespan.

Students must be school age children eligible for placement in the first through 12th grade and must possess a C.D.I.B. card, birth certificate, former school transcript and current immunization record to apply.

Please contact the Chickasaw Children's Village for more information at (580) 564-3060. *Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.*

The Chickasaw Children's Village is a modern residential facility located near Lake Texoma in the southern reaches of the Chickasaw Nation. The students live in a home-like setting with house parents and fellow students.

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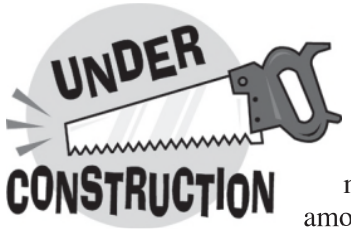

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Megan Michele Brown

Megan Michele Brown is a 2008 graduate of Lafayette High School, Lafayette, Louisiana. She is the daughter of Robert and Denise Brown. She is the granddaughter of Doug and Sandy Strickland. She is the great granddaughter of Bob and Mary Lou Nichols and the late Woodrow and Madge Strickland, all of Pauls Valley, Okla.

Megan is a four-year member of the nationally ranked Lafayette High School Marching Band; she received All District and All South Regional awards and superior Solo Festival ratings. She is a member of the nationally ranked Lafayette High School Wind Ensemble, which was performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

She is a member of student council, National Honor Society, BETA, National Honor Roll, *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and is a Louisiana Regents Scholar. She has participated in many community activities such as St. Jude's Carwash fundraiser, Juvenile Diabetes Walk, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Special Olympics Volunteer, Sleep in a Box for the Homeless, and selected as a Hurricane Katrina Young Ambassador. She has studied dance for 10 years and is a certified teacher and classroom assistant.

She will be attending Louisiana State University in the fall, where she is one of only 200 incoming freshmen accepted to the E.J. Ourso School of Business. She will be majoring in Business Management with an emphasis on entrepreneurship.

Tesia Worcester

Tesia Worcester is a 2008 graduate Stonewall High, Stonewall, Okla. She is the daughter of Roy and Dinah Worcester. She is the proud parent of Jakobi Worcester.

Tesia was active in basketball where she received the All-Area Defensive Guard award.

She has taken the nursing entrance exam and passed. Her plans are to attend LPN school at the Pontotoc Vo-Tech.

We are so proud of your accomplishments. Our words couldn't say enough of what you have done during your senior year at school. Love and Always Forever, Mom and Dad and family.

Justin Glenn Crabb

Justin Glenn Crabb graduated from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Studies. He is the son of Rick and Jenette Crabb, of Waxahachie, Texas.

Justin is a member Lambda Pi Eta, Communication Honor Society and is currently a Naval Officer Candidate at Newport, RI.

Constance Jaree Shields

Constance Jaree Shields is a 2008 graduate of Capitol Hill High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Renata Shields and step-daughter of Mark E. Birdshead. She is the granddaughter of Homer Shields and Dollie Cole, of Oklahoma City. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Elmay Walton Alexander.

Connie plans to attend college and work full-time. She had grown into a strong, beautiful young lady and we are very proud of her.

May the Great Spirit guide you on and be with you through h all that the future holds.

Love,
Mom

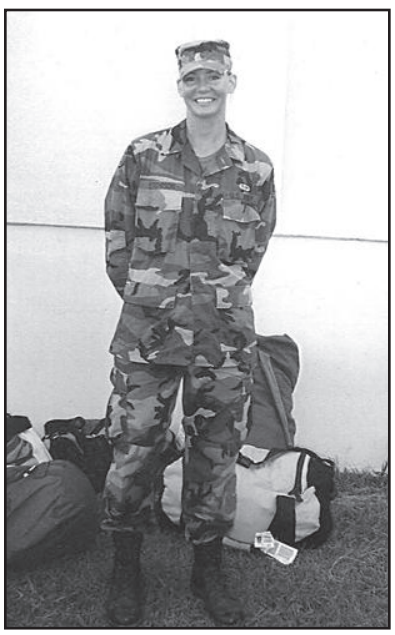
Amanda Little

Amanda Little is a 2008 graduate of Central High School, Keller Texas. She is the daughter of Dewayne and Lisa Little. She is the granddaughter of the late Gary Copp and Lousie Roberts, James Roy Little and Joyce Waggoner. She great-great-granddaughter of Sara Burris, a full blood Chickasaw.

Amanda is an honorable member of the International Uspian Society and active participant in the Texas UIL Region 1-5A One Act play. Her troupe advanced to regionals in 2008 with the play "White Buffalo" in which she played the lead role as well as winning several individual awards including "Best Actress."

She has studied under several well-known theatre directors and is planning to attend Texas A&M in Corpus Christi for Liberal Arts in Theatre.

Shelane Etchison



Shelane Etchison is a 2008 graduate of University of Central Florida. She is the daughter of Don and Sheila Etchison. She is the granddaughter of Cordell Bramble Etchison McVay, of Spring Hill, Fl. She is a descendent of Cyrus Harris, the first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Shelane graduated with honors, summa cum laude; she received a bachelor's degree in Inter-Disciplinary Studies. She was also commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Army upon completing four years of ROTC. The commissioning ceremony address was given by Major General William L. Bond, who acknowledges the commitment, sacrifice and leadership of the young officers who have chosen to be the Nation's warriors against all threats, including terrorists.

For her high grades and completion of her degree, she received a graduate scholarship from the Chickasaw Nation.

Lieutenant Etchison is now stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma where she is receiving additional officer trainings.

2008 Graduate

Crystal Grace (Cravens) Herman

Crystal Grace (Cravens) Herman is a 2008 graduate with a Master's in Fine Arts from Ohio State University. She is daughter of Dr. Dennis and Brenda Cravens. She is the granddaughter of D.R. and Maurine Cravens. She is married to Louis Herman.

She received her MFA in theater with a specialization in costume design.

Crystal spends her summers designing and constructing costumes for the Utah Opera Festivals. She especially likes designing hats and masks for the theater. She will be holding a tenured track teaching position at University of Texas-El Paso starting in the fall and will be in charge of the school's costume department. She and her parents wish to thank the Chickasaw Nation for their support and their many scholarships that have helped her reach her potential.

Pride & Joy

Riley Cole Youngblood

Riley Cole Youngblood, 3, is the son of Brooke M. Williams. He is the grandson of Tillie M. Benson and Dennis G. Williams. He is the nephew of Lori Rico and Cara Criswell, all who adore him completely.

Riley loves to play outdoors, swimming, playing with all of his cousins and his Grandma's dog, Texas. He especially likes spending time with his Grandma.

He enjoys his karate class and coming home showing everyone the new moves that he learned. He will start Head Start at the Chickasaw Nation in the fall and is very excited.

He is our little blessing from God and we thank him every day. His smile is one that will brighten any room and touches his Mommy's heart every second of every day.

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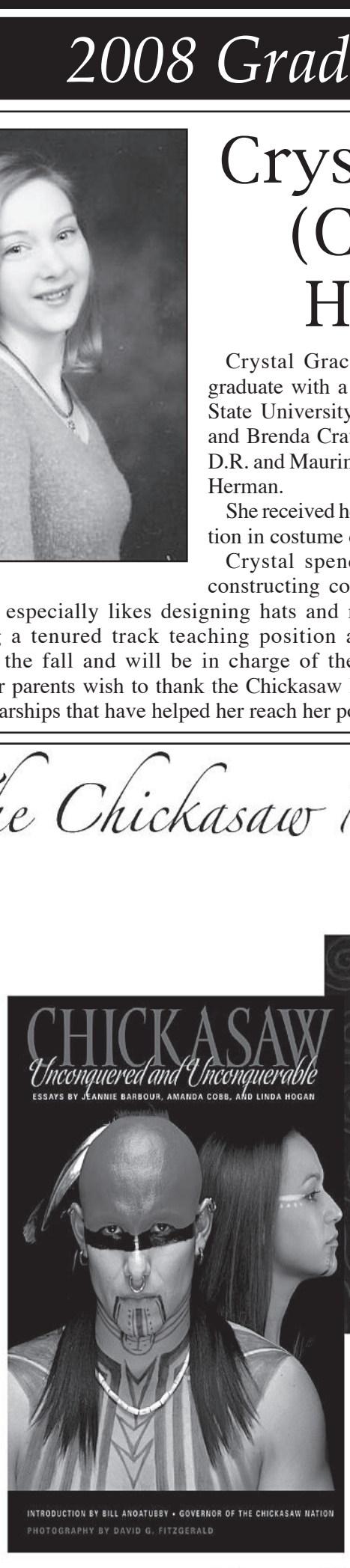
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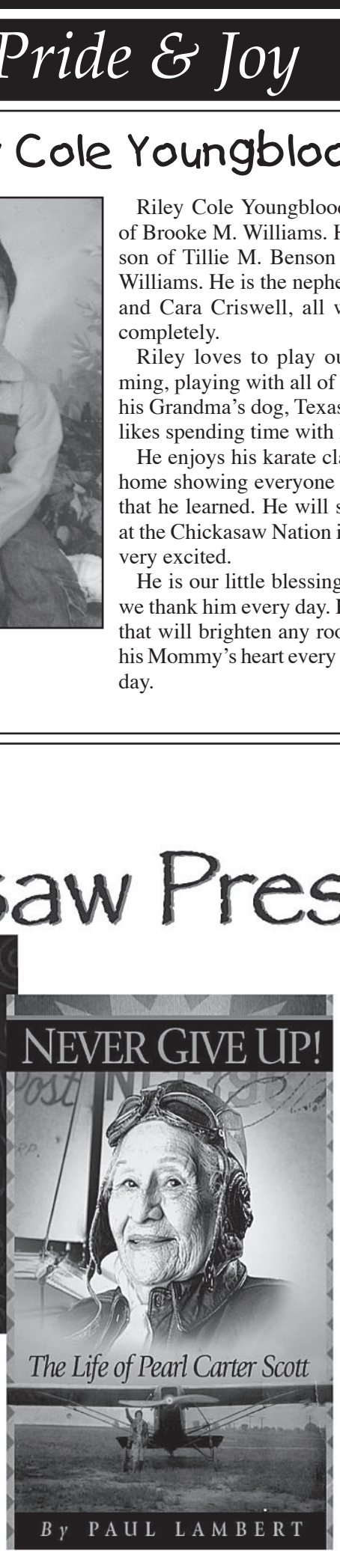

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Chickasaw Foundation secretary Kirk Perry

Kirk Perry

Mr. Kirk Perry, secretary for the Chickasaw Foundation, has served on the Board since April 2001. He is the administrator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Policies and Standards. His Chickasaw parents are Johnson and Sophia Perry. His education in general business and mathematics at East Central University has helped his career that includes construction inspection, land survey, architecture and engineering, contract administration for highway, housing and commercial building design and a general contractor.

During the 1970s, while the deputy director of the Chickasaw Housing Authority during its infancy; he helped establish new housing programs working with many federal agencies and local governments. Although a smaller tribe, he helped lead Chickasaw housing programs to become the second largest Indian housing authority in the United States. The Chickasaw's successful programs became recognized nationally as best examples of management and development of Indian housing.

He helped establish both the Oklahoma Indian Housing Authority and the National American Indian Housing Authority while serving both organizations as an officer and board member. Knowing the drastic need for Indian housing training on standards and advocacy, he served on national housing coalitions and organizations. He helped establish needed nationwide Indian management programs for counseling, project-based budgeting development practices, housing management training and certification programs and professional certification for Indian housing managers.

For over 25 years, Mr. Perry has successfully operated businesses including architectural planning and consulting, oil and gas land leasing, commercial and residential building inspection, and general construction contracting before returning to work for the Chickasaw Nation.

Learning values of respect for others, seeking education and the warrior spirit given him by growing up as a Chickasaw make his participation especially rewarding to working with Chickasaw people to help others achieve their own life goals.

Kylea Daniel named 'Student of the Year'

Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Year, 2007-2008 Kylea Daniel.

Ms. Kylea Shay Daniel was selected as the 2008 Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Year. She is a recent graduate of Madill High School.

She is active in varsity cheerleading and track, and was a 2007 National Cheerleading Association All-American Cheerleader nominee. Her squad placed first in the 2006 Frontier City Spiritfest. She has also placed second and third at state track meets.

Kylea participates in the Principals Leadership Club, gifted and talented, and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Her future plans include attending the summer session for Upward Bound, and enrolling at Murray State College for the fall semester to obtain her associates degree in nursing.

Upward Bound hosts student/parent orientations

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs held two student/parent orientations in May to provide information on the summer academic session at Murray State College (MSC). The first orientation was in Davis at the Microtel conference room and the second one was held in Tishomingo in the Murray State College ballroom. Students completed paperwork and had their pictures taken for ID badges. The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police also gave a drug dog demonstration to emphasize the no drug policy of the program. A search of the dorms was provided prior to the students moving in and searches are scheduled during the summer session. Students and parents attending the Tishomingo orientation were also given a tour of the campus area.

Students moved into the dorms on June 1st and began classes the next day. Seventeen students in the bridge component of the program have enrolled in six credit hours at MSC. The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs serve 21 target schools within the Chickasaw Nation service area. For additional information, please call (580) 371-9903.

Chickasaw Foundation Art Auction Call for Artists

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction to be held during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 14, 2008. This reception is held annually to recognize our donors and volunteers. Last year we had over 25 pieces of artwork and would like to see the number double this year.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year we were able to establish the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a certificate of degree of Indian blood card majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Chickasaw Foundation's 8th Annual Scholarship Reception

Please mark your calendar for July 31, 2008 for the 8th annual scholarship reception. The reception will be held at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi in Ada. We take this time to honor our recipients and donors. Please RSVP by calling the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

Lindsey Clark named 'Student of the Month'

Chickasaw Foundation May 2008 Student of the Month Lindsey Clark.

Ms. Lindsey Clark was selected as the May 2008 Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month. She will be a senior this fall at Lone Grove High School.

Lindsey is a member of the Lone Grove Baptist Church and enjoys singing. She is also a member of the Lone Grove Choir which won the super sweepstakes and she participates in the Key Club.

While attending the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound summer session last year she received six awards. Her future plans include attending either the University of Oklahoma or Oxford University. She would like to major in law or psychology.

Chickasaw Foundation's 7th Annual Cultural Evening on October 3

Please mark your calendars to join us on Friday, October 3, 2008 at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur for our 7th Annual Cultural Evening as part of the Chickasaw Festival. This will be a sneak preview of the new cultural center. We will have a night full of cultural events you won't want to miss. Attendees will also be able to participate in a special time capsule ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

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Inland Empire/Desert Cities Council members attend Bakersfield gathering

Thank you Chickasaws! Several members of the California Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council traveled to Bakersfield to attend the Gathering on Saturday, May 17. On that day, the temperatures rose above 105 degrees. Because of that fact, the event was held inside. The air conditioning worked well in the multipurpose building of California State University, Bakersfield, and was very comfortable. Six Council members traveled the 170 miles to attend, including Chairperson Lynn Dorrough, board members Beverly Federlein, Alexander Miller, Bill Chandler, and members Sherri Miller and her son Steven. The council set up a table at the event to pass out flyers to encourage new membership and inform local Chickasaws about the council. The council was able to secure thirteen prospects and distributed a total of fifty flyers to people interested in the council meetings. The entire group had a great time and felt the trip was worthwhile.

Steven, 13, had not wanted to attend because he would have to miss a video game tournament, but he admitted that the Gathering was more fun because he enjoyed the stickball games and the dancers. He also bought several items from the vendors. This was his first encounter with his Native American heritage outside of his family.

Box lunches and cold drinks were served to everyone. Most attendees stayed until closing time. Bakersfield was a good location for the central California area known locally as the salad bowl of America because of all the vegetables grown there in the valley.

The next California Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council meeting is Thursday, June 19 at the San Gorgonio Community Hospital meeting room "B". The program will be presented by the Nation Housing Finance Department.

OKC Metro Council hears of impact of native-owned businesses

Michael Kelley, President of the OKC Chapter of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce, describes the history, operation and opportunities offered by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce.

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council met on the first Tuesday of June at 6 p.m. for dinner and had our monthly meeting at 7 p.m. The council provided Hideaway Pizza and council members brought their homemade specialties; great salads, sweet potatoes and desserts! It's strawberry time and the shortcakes were wonderful! This time to share a meal and visit is priceless to our members. Come join us!

One of our members passes away just a few days before the June meeting. It was a shock to learn that James Humes will no longer be attending our meetings. He was an outspoken, devoted Chickasaw who was always available to anyone who wanted to discuss the current issues. Another member, Shirley Thompson, passed away recently. She was a happy, smiling face who was a previous Secretary of the council. We will miss them both.

Our guest speaker was Michael Kelley, President of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. He gave a very interesting perspective of the impact of Native American owned businesses. They add about $15 billion to our economy per year. The Chamber has grown from 47 members to over 1,700 today. Their goal is to bring together American Indian Businesses, offer educational opportunities for students and businesses and to make the public aware of Indian owned businesses. He encouraged us to try to give our business to our fellow Native Americans. Their online directory is at AICCO.org.

I hope you saw our wonderful float at the Liberty Fest Parade on July 4th! Many people worked hard to get this float prepared. The drummers, Brent Greenwood and Robert Greenwood, could be heard far in advance and the crowd loved to hear and see us coming!

Postcards were mailed to those in our area about our July meeting and activities. We hope it reached many who will start coming to our meeting and see our council in action.

The Nation has given a laptop computer to our council. It is currently being updated so that we can access the WIFI system in our building. We can't wait to begin using it to keep our membership list and manage our activities.

Also in attendance was our new liaison, Vickye Gordon. She has been the friendly voice on the toll free phone number and we look forward to working with her on council matters in the future. She has been working for the Nation for three years and is ¼ Chickasaw.

Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Administrator for the Division of History and Culture, Jeannie Barbour, Director of the Chickasaw Press, Sharon Nelson and Linda Giles were also in attendance.

Representative Katie Case gave us a legislature report; needless to say, the oil and gas leases have been numerous lately! They have been busy traveling to the numerous Gatherings all across the country, meeting and greeting Tribal members. They are working on getting computers with web cams to soldiers overseas so they can have visual contact with their families back home.

Our next meeting will be July 1, 2008. Our speakers are coming from the Chickasaw Nation Executive Department Leadership Team to take questions from our members. We will be serving smoked turkey for dinner.

Remember, we are on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and activities. Contact information: Pam Conard (405) 973-8127.

Scholarship deadlines extended to July 18

The Chickasaw Foundation is reopening the deadline on five of their scholarships. The new deadline will be July 18, 2008 for the following scholarships:

Edward L. Kruger *Ittish Aaisha* Scholarship-one $1,500 scholarship ($750 per semester) award for full time Chickasaw graduate students with GPA of 3.0 or higher, that are enrolled in pharmacy school.

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Scholarship-In Memory of Special Agent Patrick Flickinger Scholarship-One $1,000 ($500 per semester) award for full time Chickasaw undergraduate students at any two-or four-year college or university with GPA of 3.0 or higher with a major in criminal justice, police science or equivalent.

Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship-One $1,250 scholarship awarded in January for full time Chickasaw undergraduate or graduate students pursuing a degree in aviation (such as aviation law, aviation maintenance technology, flight training, air traffic control, aeronautical engineering, etc)

Chickasaw Children's Village Scholarship-Three $1,000 ($500 per semester) awards for Chickasaw Children's Village students (Seniors only) who are full-time beginning freshmen at any two-or four-year college or university.

Division on Aging Scholarship- one $1000 award ($500 per semester) for a full time Chickasaw junior or senior at any four year college or university that has a major related to geriatrics.

To receive an application, visit www.chickasawfoundation.org, email ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net, or write to P.O. Box 1726, Ada, OK 74821.

Move It! Fun Walks stir up action to fight diabetes

The Chickasaw Nation sponsored three Move It! Family Fun Walks during the month of June. The events were conducted at Ada, Ardmore and Purcell.

Each event was open to the public. Participants of all ages were encouraged to walk or run as much as they desired. Participants were provided with commemorative t-shirts, education pamphlets and pedometers.

Move It! Is the National Diabetes Education Program's campaign to help increase physical activity and combat diabetes. Diabetes is one of the most serious health challenges facing American Indians and Alaska Natives in the United States.

Diet and exercise are key factors in eliminating and reducing the risk of diabetes. You can make a big impact on your health by making a few small changes including eating healthier and increasing your physical activity.

In addition to events like the Move It! Family Fun Walks, the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Centers provide education and access to activities that promote exercise, nutrition and overall improved health. The wellness centers offer a variety of fitness equipment, aerobics, weight training and much more. For more information on the wellness center in your area, please visit the locations below or call the number listed. All locations are open Monday-Thursday 5:30 a.m-8:00 p.m., Friday 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to noon. The centers are closed on Sunday and all federal holidays.

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229 W. Seabrook Road,
Ada, OK 74820
(580) 310-9661

Ardmore
911 Locust Street, N.W.
Ardmore, OK 73401
(580) 222-2828

Tishomingo
821 E. 6th
Tishomingo, OK 73460
(580) 387-2711

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Walkers of all ages enjoyed the Move it! event. From left are Catie Newport, Steve and D.D. Jacobs. Kadynce Hamilton enjoys the walk from her stroller.

Chickasaw Nation WIC program seeks comments

The Chickasaw Nation is soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Input is needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2009 fiscal year. Comments must be received by August 1, 2008.

WIC is a federally-funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who are determined to be at nutritional risk and whose income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently serves approximately 3,600 women, infants and children throughout the 13-county area.

Comments regarding the WIC program may be mailed to Melinda Newport, Nutrition Services Director, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820, or by phone at (580) 436-7255 or toll free (888) 436-7255.

For more information about WIC program services, contact Debi Tipton at (580) 436-7255 or (580) 310-6420.

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Wichita Council views Te Ata doucmentary 'God's Drum'

Checking out the comic-book style publications on Chickasaw culture are Hannah Rowe, Haley Rowe and Holly Rowe, daughters of Kent Rowe of Andover, Kan., and cousin Henry Hook. The kids attended the June 15 meeting of the CCCW

A large turnout of 37 viewed the presentation of "God's Drum," the documentary on the life of Chickasaw storyteller Te Ata, and conversed with three members of the Chickasaw legislature at the June 15 meeting of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita.

Making appearances at the meeting at the Mid-America All Indian Center were Donna Hartman of the Pickens District, Katie Case of the Pontotoc District and Beth Alexander of the Panola District. They handed out literature and favors and each spoke briefly and answered questions.

Also attending was Vickye Gordon, the new Chickasaw Liaison for the Wichita Council. She works with Sharon Nelson. Linda Giles has taken a new position with the tribe.

Lynn Stumblingbear, chair, acknowledged receipt of a new laptop computer from the Chickasaw Nation to be used by the Council. She also announced that the Mid-America All Indian Center museum was to reopen June 27 after a major remodeling.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 3 pm, Sunday, July 20, at the Indian Center.

Marshall County Council to meet

The Marshall County Chickasaw Council will host its monthly council meeting July 8 at 7 p.m. at the Chickasaw Community Center located at 1400 Enos Road, Kingston, Okla.

Guest speakers tribal legislator Beth Alexander will speak on the topic of "the roll of a tribal legislator" and tribal legislator Donna Hartman will focus on language.

August Marshall meeting cancelled

The Marshall County Chickasaw Council is canceling its August 12 Council meeting to accommodate the 5th Annual Music Fest scheduled August 16.

For information concerning our programs, you may contact:

Patricia Bostick, (580) 564-3607

Patsy Bailey, (580) 564-2306

Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570

Central Texas Council meets

The Community Council of Central Texas enjoyed watching a video of Chairman Gene Thompson being taught to make a Native American drum by Charles Holland. Gene said he thoroughly enjoyed the process especially as he was reminded that tasks such as drum making are a sacred and spiritual experience to a Native American.

Gene also announced that the first of our books for our Council Library were available for checking out immediately. The group also watched a portion of Gene's family history video he has worked on for two and one-half years.

We ended the meeting with door prize drawings with several members winning prizes.

Moms, Dads invited to August 2 Parenting Conference

Tiffany and Madison Spect enjoy child care activities during a Christmas event at the Child Development Center in December 2007.

The Chickasaw Nation Child Care department will host a Parenting Conference from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, August 2 at the Child Development Center at 226 Rosedale Road in Ada.

The Parenting Conference is open to all parents with children ages six weeks to four years. The purpose of the conference is to provide parents the information and tools needed to build confidence in children.

The conference will provide parents an opportunity to enhance and foster relationships with their children. It will also help parents understand how children process information, how they learn and how to guide children toward successful futures.

Below is a schedule of events.

Session I
9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

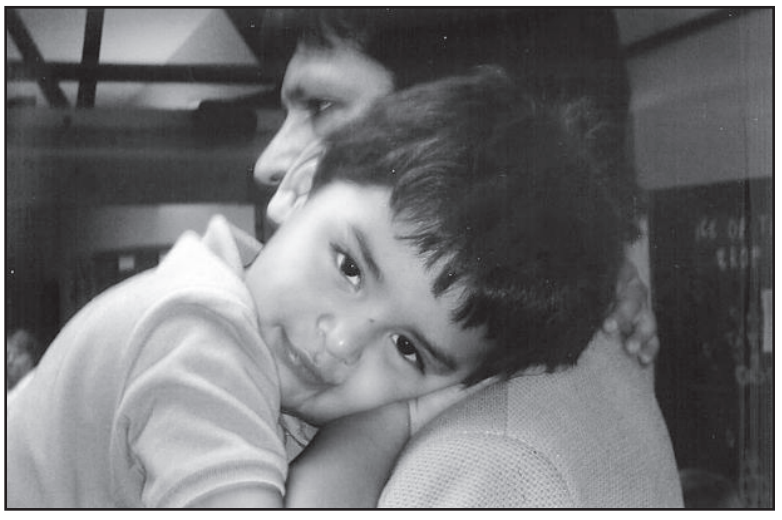
- Introductory Session for all parents - Car seat safety

Session II
10 a.m. -10:50 a.m.

- Baby message
- Healthy snacks
- Positive reinforcement in sports
- Children and exercise

Session III
11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

- Lunch
- Speaker
- Parent and child activity



Trevor John smiles while his father, Tom John, holds him during the Child Care Thanksgiving dinner in November 2007.

Session IV
12:40 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- Child learning styles
- Positive discipline
- o Parent involvement
- o Childhood expectations

Session V
1:40 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

- Child development zero to 12 months
- Child development 12 months to 24 months
- Child development 24 months to 36 months
- Child development 36 months and older

For pre-registration and additional information, contact Ashley Heath at (580) 436-0877 or ashley.heath@chickasaw.net.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

Students get down to business at Entrepreneurship Academy

DURANT, Okla. - Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU) and the Chickasaw Nation teamed up to conduct the 2008 Entrepreneurship Academy June 2-6 on the SOSU campus in Durant.

During the academy, 17 students learned business strategies, business operations basics, team development, small business opportunities and marketing strategies. The group also toured Pre-Paid Legal Services in Ada, First United Bank in Durant and Sundowner Trailers in Coleman to learn about successful business operation.

"The Entrepreneurship Academy was a really good experience," said Chickasaw student Kevin Lewis, of Macon, Georgia. "My future plans are to start a landscape architecture business and through the academy, I have developed the knowledge needed for my future business."

After learning about basic business structure, the students divided into teams and participated in a youth market. At the youth market, students created a table-top business and used business strategies to market and sell their products. Each team competed to sell the most by negotiating with customers to create the best deals.

Terrance Banner, left, and Kelsey Jones negotiate a business deal with customer Mary Gipson during the Entrepreneurship Academy Youth Market June 5 at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters in Ada.

"Through the Academy, students gain managerial and marketing skills needed to create a successful business foundation," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "With that knowledge, students who plan to open their own business, or even choose another route, benefit from the experience."

The Entrepreneurship Academy is a partnership between Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business and the Chickasaw Nation.

"We appreciate Governor Anoatubby's commitment to helping Chickasaw citizens and encouraging students to explore opportunities that can be available to them in the future" said SOSU management and marketing professor Bill McCurdy. "This is my fourth year to be involved with the academy and this was one of the best and most intelligent groups I have worked with."

The summer academy is for Chickasaw high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who have strong business interests and want to achieve academic excellence. The academy is conducted on the SOSU campus and students stay at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston, Okla.

Upon completion of the Academy, students graduate with a completed business plan and the tools necessary to write future business plans.

For more information about the Entrepreneurship Academy, contact Beth Campbell at (580) 421-7711 or visit the Chickasaw Nation website at www.chickasaw.net.

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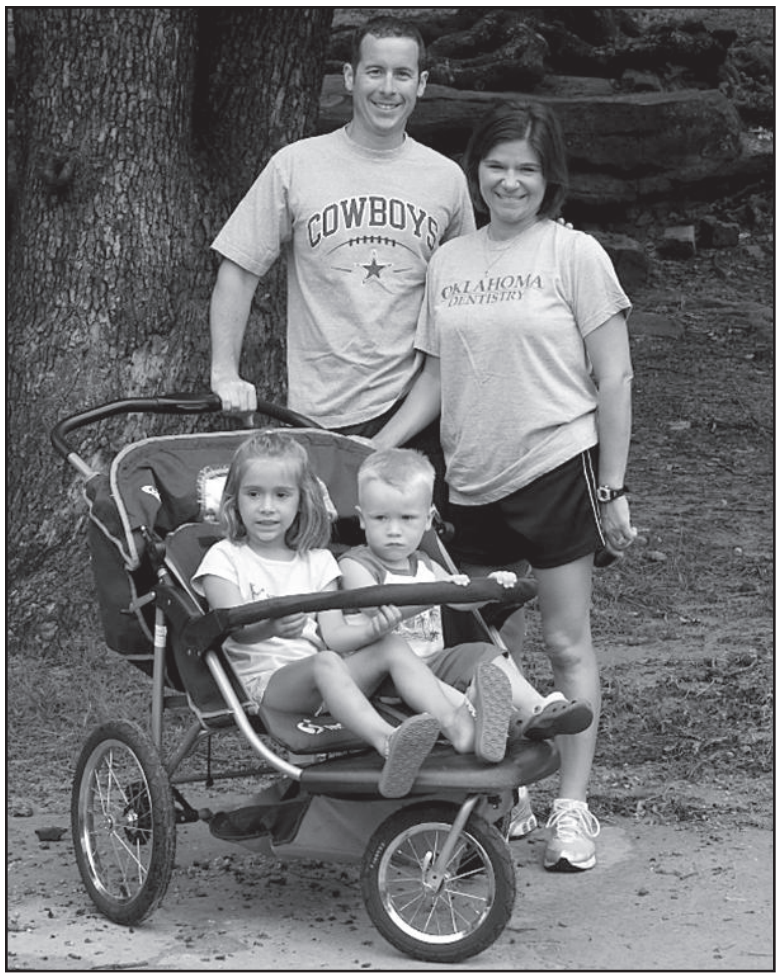
Move It! Fun Walk in Ada brings out the families



Bryant and Denece Redwine brought kids Ahna and Halston out for some family fun and exercise.

Caden Frost enjoyed his ride around the park during the Move it! Fun Walk in Ada.

The Leonard family enjoyed family time at the park. Back row from left, Charlea, Kelly and Kregg Leonard. Front row from left, Trep and Patrick Leonard.

Raelyn Kiel and Diddy Nelson participated in the Move it! Fun Walk in Ada.

Danielle Gold and her dog, Dottie, had fun during the Move it! event.

Mendy Watkins is joined by daughter Kai Watkins and niece Rhyan Pogue.

Online pharmacy refill center now available

Carl Albert Indian Health Facility patients and Family Practice Clinic patients can now refill medications using the new online pharmacy refill center. The process is simple and takes just a few short minutes.

Follow the steps below:

1) Gather your medication bottles because you will need the 8 digit prescription number listed on the bottle.

2) Visit www.chickasaw.net and look under the "I would like to" section located on the right side of the page. Click on "Refill a Carl Albert or Family Practice Prescription"

2) Next, you will be prompted to enter your health record number (chart number) and password. If you have not used this service before, please click the "New Registration" button below the login field to complete and submit the registration form.

4) Once you have logged in, a drop down menu will appear. Please use the down arrow button to select the prescription processing option and press the select button to begin entering your prescription numbers for refills.

For assistance please call the pharmacy between the hours of 8 a.m.– 8 p.m. CST at 1-800-851-9136 or e-mail pharmacyrefill@chickasaw.net.

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The Murray State College Alumni Foundation presented its annual Murray State College Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Awards, June 7. This year's recipients were Murray State graduates Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Class of 1970, and Juanita Warriner, Class of 1942. From left, Glen Wolfe, president of the Murray State College Alumni Association; Gov. Anoatubby; Murray State College Foundation board member Billy Rice; Mrs. Warriner; and Murray State College president Dr. Noble Jobe, III.

books to teach professionalism, ethics, commitment and other important values necessary for a successful career and life."

Gov. Anoatubby has served as the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation since 1987.

Prior to his gubernatorial service, he served as the first Chickasaw Nation Lieutenant Governor from 1979-1987. He has been active in tribal government since 1975, holding positions as director of tribal health services, director of finance, special assistant to the governor and controller.

The Chickasaw Nation has approximately 40,000 citizens. In 1987, the Chickasaw Nation had approximately 250 employees and annual operating outlays of about $11 million. Today, the Chickasaw Nation has more than 10,000 employees and capital outlays in excess of $350 million. Gov. Anoatubby has focused his administration on quality programs in health care, education, housing and economic development.

Gov. Anoatubby is a member of the Oklahoma Heritage Association board; member of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board of Directors; chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority; member of Governor Henry's Task Force on Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence; and a board member of the Oklahoma Creativity Project, among others.

Also named a Murray State distinguished alumnus was Juanita Warriner.

"Murray State College is close to my heart," said Ms. Warriner. "I spent two of the happiest years of my life here."

Ms. Warriner had a career of more than 40 years as a teacher and bank officer.

Chickasaw athlete Frank Johnson, along with Ray Gordon and the late Bob Wilmoth, were inducted into the Murray State Athletic Hall of Fame at the event.

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multuous times of the mid 19th century.

He helped draft the Treaty of 1855, which restored the status of the Chickasaw Nation as an entity separate from the Choctaw Nation.

In 1856 he served as a member of the first Chickasaw legislature. In 1858 he became the second elected governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He served two more terms as governor from 1862 to 1866.

Ray Gene McCarter has served as a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives since 1996. As Representative of District 51, he has served as Assistant Majority Floor Leader.

He has also served on numerous committees, including Education, Energy and Technology, Public Safety, International Economic Development, Veterans' and Military Affairs.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, he earned a doctorate degree in education. His career in education included time as a teacher, coach, referee and school administrator.

Juanita Tate, a 97-year-old resident of Ardmore, Okla., has been active in tribal affairs all her adult life.

An avid genealogist since 1961, she has done extensive study of her family history. One result of that study is a recently completed biography of her great-grandfather and noted Chickasaw leader Edmund Pickens.

The biography will soon be published by the Chickasaw Press.

Gene Underwood served three terms as a member of the Chickasaw legislature from 1983 through 1992.

He has also served as a member of the Chickasaw Nation Wildlife Commission.

Mr. Underwood has done extensive research on Chickasaw culture and heritage. One result of those efforts is an authentic replica of an early 18th century dugout canoe he built with the help of his brothers Ted and Chet and his son, Dennis.

Mr. Underwood, Mrs. Tate, and Rep. McCarter are scheduled to be present to accept their awards. Family members will accept the award on behalf Gov. Colbert.

Hall of Fame inductees will make a red carpet entrance at 6 p.m. and a Native-themed banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 400 guests.

Reservations will be accepted beginning July 1.

To make reservations, contact Brian Cooke at 580-559-0781 or email brian.cooke@chickasaw.net.

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Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Honoring Nations, continued from page 1

promoting, preserving and revitalizing Chickasaw history and culture."

"Never Give Up!: The Life of Pearl Carter Scott" was published by the Chickasaw Press in 2007. The biography by Dr. Paul Lambert tells the remarkable "riches to rags to riches" story of Chickasaw aviatrix Pearl Carter Scott.

Dr. Lambert, former historian-in-residence and executive director of the Oklahoma Heritage Association, helped establish the Chickasaw Press. He said the Chickasaw Press went hand in hand with a series of publication awards established by the tribe.

"We believe it's an innovative approach," Dr. Lambert said during the Chickasaw Press' formative period. "I don't know of another tribe that is doing a press as well as a publication awards program. I think those are both really leading the way."

Honoring Nations was established in 1998 by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. The program is designed to identify and share outstanding examples of tribal governance.

Since its inception, about one-quarter of the more than 560 federally-recognized tribes have applied for recognition. The program has recognized 64 tribal government initiatives.

This is the second award for the Chickasaw Nation. In 2003, the Chickasaw Nation Chuka Chukmasi (Beautiful Home) home loan program was recognized as one of the eight most effective and significant tribal government programs in the country.

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Mitch Caver, continued from page 32

cated in Pontotoc County. Why not look there? The next day he was in the Pontotoc chancery clerk's office examining Deed Book Number 1. There, written in legible longhand was the deed recording the bill of sale for Tishomingo's land to one Wyatt C. Mitchell. Two sections were sold for $2,400. It was dated April 15, 1836 and witnessed by tribal officials "Benj. Love and James Colbert." The chief's name was spelled Tish O Mingo and there was an x by the name.

Upon closer inspection, the signatures of the witnesses had been obviously written by the clerk and the x's of Tishomingo and numerous other Chickasaws appeared to have been made by the same hand. I'm not sure if this indicates that these were not the original documents (although the clerk said they were) or if the deed recorder had some other reason to sign everyone's names in the ledger. Perhaps that clerk didn't want to loan his pen to the Chickasaws.

To Mitch, the most important part of the deed was the location of the land, and he must have held his breath as he scanned it for numerals. There it was, Sections 13 and 24, Township 7 South, Range 5 East—exactly where Janie Agnew said it was in 1904. (See image). Mitch photographed the document and e-mailed it to me. I offered congratulations on his big find.

He told me he had photographed every deed in both books and that the great majority were Chickasaws selling the allotments they had received in accord with the 1832 and 1834 land cession treaties with the U.S. Some deeds that had been executed at Pontotoc were for land in other counties, Itawamba, for instance.

Sensing I was dealing with a man on a mission, I made plans to visit Mitch in Tupelo on May 19.

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Mitch posed next to Lawrence Edwards, a retired dairy farmer who owns the land that was once the homestead of Tishomingo. I took a photo of them near an old ramshackle milk barn that is believed to be where Tishomingo's house was located. At least that's what Charlie White told Mitch, who was directed to him by others living in the area. Charlie, who has worked for years at the world famous Tupelo Hardware (where Elvis bought his first guitar), said his grandfather used to own this section of land "back in the 1800s."

The photograph was framed so that a tree line is visible at a lower elevation in the background. It denotes the location of a stream named, what else? Tishomingo Creek. We walked across the road in front of his place to see a spring that was mentioned by Edwin Thomas, quoted in the history by Warren. Mr. Edwards said he, too, had heard the story of Tishomingo having lived around there.

It's not immediately apparent but the barn and house of Edwards sits on a ridge which slopes down to a pasture this side of Tishomingo Creek. This spot on the ridge was certainly close to where Tishomingo would have lived, to avoid seasonal flooding from the creek.

I told Edwards that with his consent the Chickasaw Nation probably would be interested in erecting a marker of some kind to commemorate the important location. I added that such a marker would be a significant addition to the point-of-interest stops in North Mississippi already being made by groups of visiting Chickasaws. Edwards said it was a good idea, but we agreed to discuss it further after I discussed it with the tribe.

Later, Mitch gave me 563 electronic images of the contents of Deed Book 1 and 2. A few days later, I gave the external drive containing the images to John Ellis, the tribe's director of GeoSpatial Information. His shop will place the names in the sections that were owned and sold by Chickasaw men and widows or surviving next of kin. All of the data will be digitally recorded so that it will be available on-line.

That map of Pontotoc County, however, should be only the first. Chickasaw allotments were spread through several other counties. As we have seen, Itawamba County's records don't go back far enough. But on June 4, Mitch found another mother lode of Chickasaw land deeds in Ripley, the county seat of Tippah.

He said a clerk told him there is one reason why those records still exist. During the Civil War, he said, the Yankees burned down the Tippah County court house, but the land deeds had been saved by a clerk who took them about five miles to Dumas where he buried them until the danger was past.

Mitch's calls to the other county chancery offices brought mixed results. Evidently Union soldiers had been more successful in Chickasaw County, as the records and the building were torched during the war. Calhoun and Clay county records don't go back far enough but others indicated that they do have or might have Chickasaw deeds. These counties included Marshall, Lafayette, Panola, Monroe and Benton.

It will soon be possible for at least some Chickasaw families to know exactly where their ancestors came from prior to Removal. Writing in *The Chickasaws,* Arrell Gibson noted that in accord with the Removal treaty of 1832, Chickasaws were assigned a temporary homestead on which they were to reside until they emigrated. According to Mitch's sources, Tishomingo lived on his homestead for many years prior to Removal.

It's hard to say how complete the final mapping of the Chickasaw allotments will be, but without the efforts of Mitch Caver we know there would be no such project. That is why Governor Anoatubby recently thanked him on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation and its people. The governor wrote, "We are constantly amazed at the interest and sincerity of the people who now live in the old Chickasaw Domain. You have proven to be one of our friends."

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Written history on Tishomingo scarce

It may seem odd that this man we know so little about has been so honored by his tribe. But we don't know what his contemporaries knew about him. We don't even know what the members of the 1856 Constitutional Convention knew about him—almost a generation after his death. But we do know that they named the new capital of the sovereign Chickasaw Nation after him and that they designated him to be the warrior on the Great Seal. A tribe with such a stellar reputation for bravery and valor would have had no shortage of exemplary war chiefs to select from. So, in the memories of these 19th century leaders, Tishomingo was preeminent.

That Tishomingo was a great warrior and war chief we take on faith. The 19th century colonial documents don't describe him, they *list* him, along with other signers of documents executed between the tribe and the U.S. Unfortunately, these documents were land cessions made by the Chickasaws to the Americans in 1816 and 1818. These occurred just a handful of years after Tishomingo and other Chickasaw warriors had fought in 1813 with the U.S. in the Red Stick War against the Creeks. Tishomingo is *listed* once again by the Americans as one of four district chiefs prior to Removal. This signifies his importance to the tribe.

The only person to write about Tishomingo at any length was Mississippi Judge Cecil L. Sumners, a fanciful writer who takes up the story in 1831 when he says that Tishomingo was about 100 years old. As might be expected of a judge, Sumner concentrates on a court case. Tishomingo was arrested, jailed and convicted for seizing the goods of an unscrupulous trader operating either (1) on tribal land or (2) in the state of Mississippi, depending on one's point of view. It's an interesting case, but sheds very little reliable light on Tishomingo.

The name Tishomingo was probably first spoken or more likely written by an American who misunderstood the chief's Chickasaw title, *tisho minko*, meaning assistant chief. We don't know his warrior name but the mistake was perpetuated and became permanent. It was Tishomingo's duty as *tisho minko* to persuade or harangue the warriors into adopting a certain course of action. Chickasaw chiefs had no coercive power. Tishomingo's power stemmed from his reputation as a warrior and orator.

Tishomingo had at least one wife, identified as Pacaunli (great warriors often had more than one). That union produced one daughter who married a Chickasaw man named Joe Factor in the Choctaw Nation west of the Mississippi. This connection was made by Juanita Stuart, daughter of former Governor Douglas Johnston. Others have traced the original Pacaunli to Gov. Johnston's second wife, Elizabeth Harper Johnston, whose nickname was Pacaunli, meaning bloom or blossom.

Sources vary on the time and place of his death, most often cited as on the Trail of Tears in1838 or 1839. Malcolm McGee, a tribal translator who had known Tishomingo well, told an interviewer that the chief died in 1841 on his way to Indian Territory.

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to escape from this vulnerable position. But true warriors see things and do things differently. For as far back in history as we know, Chickasaw warriors have fought fiercely to achieve their objectives, which included preserving as many of their own lives as possible. Perhaps that is why Harvey, with his rifle and grenades, elected to hurry forward alone, intent on wiping out the first enemy machine gun nest ensconced inside a defensive fortification called a "pillbox." Braving machine gun fire, Harvey got close enough to toss grenades inside the pillbox, transforming it into a tomb.

At this point, he might have waved his company forward to join him, but Harvey evidently had entered an alternate state of consciousness, one which most people never experience, and cannot fathom. The situation provoked the classic fight-or-flight response, in which adrenaline floods the bloodstream. This contributes to overcoming the normal mechanisms that temper rash (or heroic) behavior.

And yet, given the objective odds so stacked against success, Harvey must have had something else going for him. Whether you call it drive, instinct, aggression, compulsion or some combination thereof, it both propels and separates the hero from the rest of us.

So with the smoke still pouring out of the pillbox, Harvey immediately turned toward the next site of entrenched enemy, and rushing past the bullets whizzing and pinging around and about him, he fired his carbine quickly and accurately until he had killed the entire crew of five. He was joined by his men and they inched forward until they encountered another pillbox filled with machine gunners, who halted the advance.

What happened next strains credulity, but it is documented by several eyewitnesses in the record. Instead of staying put or ordering his men forward, Harvey again got going alone. He somehow evaded the firepower and was single-handedly wiping out the gunners when he took a bullet in the chest. He continued shooting until the firing from that fortification ceased.

Wounded and bleeding, he somehow gathered himself, and spotting another pillbox disguised with logs scuttled or crawled closer and opened up with a burst from his carbine and then dispatched any survivors with a grenade.

Probably by then, Harvey would have lost significant blood. But the same warrior qualities that enabled Harvey to wreak such havoc on the enemy sustained him as he returned to his men to order them to move forward. He could not move out with them, but he refused to be medically evacuated until he knew that Hill 1232 had been taken.

Later, as he was being prepped for surgery, Capt. Harvey was surprised to recognize the commander of the Eighth Army, Lt. General Matthew Ridgeway, walking purposefully toward his gurney. The general may or may not have known about Harvey's valor on Hill 1232, but he was there to present him with a Silver Star for his heroic actions five months earlier during the Inchon landing.

There is a short description of Harvey's extraordinary achievements on Hill 1232 in a 2007 book, *Modern American Indian Leaders, Their Lives and Their Works*. In the section on war heroes, the author, Dean Chavers, aptly titled his piece on Captain Raymond Harvey, "An Army of One."

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Ray Harvey certainly received recognition in 1951 and afterward, as we will see, but not as a Chickasaw. Evidently, the White House or Defense Department did not notify Harvey's tribe, the Chickasaw Nation, or any Oklahoma congressional member about his honor. For one thing, the Chickasaw government in 1951 consisted of Governor Floyd Maytubby and a tribal attorney. For another, the federal government was trying its best to terminate Indian tribal governments.

Following the Medal of Honor ceremony at the White House, the Army arranged a national tour for Harvey and other honorees to help stimulate blood donations to the Red Cross for the war effort and to drum up support for this increasingly unpopular war.

The following three examples illustrate the tour. Harvey and two other decorated soldiers received New York City's Medal of Honor from Mayor Vincent Impellitteri in November 1951. Harvey was also one of six Medal of Honor recipients named to be marshals of the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California on January 1, 1952. And, later that year, Harvey returned to Los Angeles to emcee the dedication of a new American Legion Town Hall. Before an audience packed with Hollywood stars, Harvey was introduced by "screen star" and future president Ronald Reagan.

After touring the country for several weeks, Harvey was given a very unusual Army assignment: to be a technical adviser for a Twentieth Century Fox feature film, "Fixed Bayonets." Harvey was in the nation's capital December 4, 1951, for the premier, when *Washington Post* columnist, Richard L. Coe, caught up with him.

The film is the story of one platoon's experience in the war and was loosely based on Harvey's own exploits. He told Coe that his job on the production was making the action story as realistic as possible. He dealt with uniforms, dialog, procedure—even the terrain.

He didn't tell the writer that recreating scenes and action in Hollywood that reflected what he had endured only months before in North Korea must have been a surreal experience. That he was able to work hard for the 24 days of shooting and contribute so much authenticity to the movie suggests that he was a very well-adjusted 31-year-old man.

Coe asked him about adjustments to being home and he said he hadn't expected to find many Americans thinking much about Korea. "The reason we're out there is so we won't need to fight at home. We like home the way it is and I for one am not complaining about the way home folks behave."

So adept at this duty that Harvey was asked to serve as technical advisor to two other war films: "Cease Fire" (1953), and "Verboten!" (1959). Ultimately promoted to lieutenant colonel, Harvey retired from the service in 1962.

He was an investment banker for 11 years and then served as director of Indian Affairs for Arizona state emergency services before a debilitating stroke forced his retirement in 1981 at age 61. He died in 1996, leaving behind a wife, Pamela, and three grown children. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

At the graveside service, friends and family presented a eulogy, poetry and prayers. But perhaps the most moving and fitting part was delivered by a Korean War paratrooper who read Ray Harvey's Medal of Honor citation. Although everyone there was familiar with the words, contemplating the magnitude of his accomplishment anew in that hallowed setting had to be one of life's special moments.

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I have been trying without luck to contact Raymond Harvey's widow, Pamela or one of their children. They are daughters Cynthia Perieira, Johnece Firestone and Margie Typer and son Michael Harvey. If you have contact information, please contact me at rgreen26@cox.net or 405-947-5020.

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Easterling to approve GR25-050.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-050 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-051 Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for Indian Health Service Elder Care Initiative Long-Term Care Grant

Programs implemented as a result of this grant may be designed to enhance current services and other needs as identified to accomplish the goal of allowing an elder to remain in a residential home setting as long as possible. Specifically, a senior companion program will be implemented through a volunteer network that will be developed within the Chickasaw Nation. The volunteer network will allow the program to continue after the federal funding ends. This initiative will include appropriate collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging, Chickasaw Nation Division of Treasury and various departments of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR25-051.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-051 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-052, Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for the U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) 5 Grant

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) to apply for an IHS-NARCH grant. The Chickasaw Nation Health System along with the Cherokee, Choctaw and Creek Nations would partner with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) to conduct tribally driven research projects, and develop the capacity of student and faculty researches. Since, 2000, the Chickasaw Nation has had a successful and ongoing relationship with OUHSC and the other tribes through past NARCH grants. The grant award amount is up to $800,000 for the total partnership up to four years. The CNHS would approve prospective research projects through the tribal Institutional Review Board, and collaborate with OUHSC and other tribes to facilitate and complete such projects. The Cherokee Nation will submit the grant for this NARCH cycle. CNHS will obtain funds through a subcontract with the Cherokee Nation.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR25-052.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-052 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-053, Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for the U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) 5 Grant

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) to apply for an IHS-NARCH grant The Chickasaw Nation Health System would partner with the University of Oklahoma (OU) to conduct tribally driven research projects, and develop the capacity of student and faculty researchers. The grant award amount is up to $800,000 for the total partnership up to four years. At least 30% of the total award is required to remain with the grantee. The CNHS would approve prospective research projects through the tribal Institutional Review Board and collaborate with OU to facilitate and complete such projects.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-053.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-053 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-055, Concurrence with and Support of the Application and Implementation of the FY 2008 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program

This resolution supports the mission of the Juvenile Justice Tribal Advisory Board and concurs with and supports the application and implementation of the FY 2008 Tribal Juvenile Accountability and Discretionary Grant Program awarded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. This resolution is deemed emergency legislation because it was received after the first Friday of the month and it is needed for the grant prior to next month.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR25-055.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-055 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 25-054, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Goldsby, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 213,670.08 square feet (4.9052 acres) more or less, with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property is located in the City of Goldsby and is to be utilized as Riverwind Parking.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-054.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-054 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott stated her report would be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green stated her report would be in the *Chickasaw Times* and construction was continuing to move forward on the hospital grounds.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

Mr. Scott Colbert reported the committee met with Dr. Amanda Cobb this month. She gave a detailed breakdown of the department status including the consolidations of the departments. She also reported the Cultural Center was scheduled to open next summer. Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Ms. Sue Simmons stated the senior citizens from Blanchard, Tuttle and New Castle asked her to present four issues for them. They included an increase in gas discount at the convince stores, a salary increase based on incentives given only to the citizens, and a clothing allowance and food card for the senior citizens. She also inquired why the swimming pool has not been started at the Ardmore Wellness Center.

AGENDA ITEM #8
ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary

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Way to ODOT in GR18-062, in McClain County to read as follows:

Parcel 3, a strip, piece or parcel of land lying in Block 231, Original Township of Purcell in McClain County, Oklahoma. Said parcel of land being described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the point where the present South right-of-way line of State Highway No. 39 intersects the West line of said Block 231 a distance of 45.15 feet S 00°32'24" E of the NW corner of said Block 231, thence S 86°42'35" E along said right-of-way line a distance of 125.19 feet to a point on the East line of said Block 231, thence N 86°42'35" W a distance of 87.41 feet, thence Northwest on a curve to the left having a chord bearing of N 87°05'06" W and having a radius of 2771.29 feet a distance of 36.28 feet to a point on the West line of said Block 231, thence N 00°32'24" W along said West line a distance of 23.79 feet to point of beginning. Containing 0.07 acres (2928 square feet), more or less, and

Parcel 4, a strip, piece or parcel of land lying in Lots 1 through 4, Block 232, Original Township of Purcell in McClain County, Oklahoma. Said parcel of land being described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the point where the present South right-of-way line of State Highway No. 39 intersects the West line of said Lot 1 a distance of 45.80 feet S 03°04'57" W of the NW corner of said Lot 1, thence S 86°42'35" E along said right-of-way line a distance of 395.00 feet, to a point on the East line of Lot 4, thence S 03°04'57" W along said East line a distance of 23.50 feet, thence N 86°42'35" W a distance of 395.00 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot 1, thence N 03°04'57" E along said West line a distance of 23.50 feet to point of beginning. Containing 0.21 acres, (9284 square feet) more or less.

Property Location: City of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma

Use: Highway right-of-way to ODOT

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number GR25-062

Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Science and Technology Academy to be located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-063

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Mr. Kennedy Brown

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Kennedy Brown to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Brown has served on the board for many years and will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-064

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Ms. Pat Woods

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Pat Woods to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Woods Has served on the Board for many years and will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2009.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-065

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Ms. Debbie Jackson

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Debbie Jackson to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Jackson will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2008.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-066

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Mr. Michael Cornelius

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Michael Cornelius to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Cornelius will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2008.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-067

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Mr. Adam Stafford

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Adam Stafford to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Stafford will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2008.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-068

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Ms. Pauline Brown

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Pauline Brown to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Brown has served on the Board for many years and will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

Requested by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-069

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Mr. Tim Baugh

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Tim Baugh to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Baugh will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2008.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-070

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Ms. Mary Hartley

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Mary Hartley to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Hartley will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2008.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-071

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Ms. Lisa Impson

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Lisa Impson to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Impson will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

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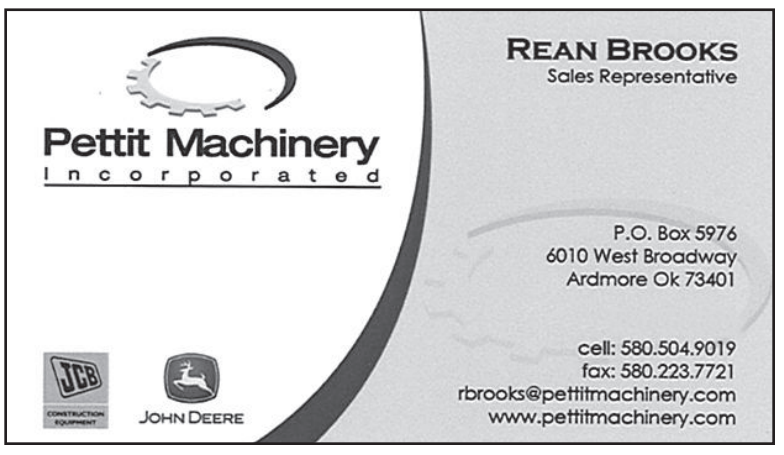

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Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-072

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Ms. Dinah Worcester

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Dinah Worcester to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Worcester will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-073

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Mr. Steven Bond

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Steven Bond to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Bond will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-074

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority

Brian Campbell

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees to fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-075

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority

Frank Johnson

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Frank Johnson to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Johnson has been on the Board for several years. He will fill a term of office which will end on October 1, 2010. Mr. Johnson is also the current Executive Director of the Utility Authority.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-076

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority

Linda Briggs

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Linda Briggs to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Ms. Briggs has been on the Board since 1997. She will fill a term of office which will end on October 1, 2010.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-077

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority

Ron Hartin

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Ron Hartin to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Hartin will fill a term of office which will end on October 1, 2009.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-078

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority

Mike Talley

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Michael Talley to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Talley was first appointed to the Board in 2003. This reappointment will be for a term of office which will end on October 1, 2009.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 25-004

Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 Section 6-307.1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Jurisdiction over Adoptions)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 6, Chapter 3 Section 6-307.1 (Jurisdiction over Adoptions) so that it clarifies the jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation District Court regarding adoptions. This resolution was requested by the District Court Judge.

Presented By: Court Development Committee

Tim Colbert, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Obituaries

James Alfred Humes

Memorial services are pending for James Alfred "Lone Wolf" Humes, 69, of Oklahoma City. Mr. Humes died Sunday, June 1, 2008 at his home.

He was born November 22, 1938 at Lawton, Okla., to Rusty and Iva Delphene Robb Humes. He graduated from Crooked Oak High School and the University of Oklahoma. His degrees included a bachelors degree in psychology and business administration.

He served in the U. S. Naval Reserve from 1961 until his retirement in 1986 as a medical corpsman. He retired as a chief petty officer. While serving his time in the Navy, Mr. Humes worked at Tinker Air Force Base as a production controller. In 1967, he began the administrative residence training program, where he became chief of building management for several Veterans Administration medical centers. After his retirement from the Navy, he went to work as an administrator with the Chickasaw Nation.

He was an advocate for the Chickasaw Nation people and very active in the Chickasaw Nation and the Native American Tribes of Oklahoma.

Survivors include a nephew, Jason Humes and wife Stacy; their children Sicily, Angela and Jason J. (JJ) of Forney, Texas; a sister-in-law, Donna Humes, Greensburg, Pa.; his first wife, Nancy of Yukon, Okla.; and many friends, and relatives, as well as a special group of Crooked Oak High School classmates.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gallaway A. Humes and Iva Delphine Humes; and his brother, William Gary Humes.

Madeline Louise Hursh

Madeline Louise Godfrey Hursh, 87, a Chickasaw citizen, died May 20, 2008.

She was born Jan. 27, 1921 at Kiowa, Okla., to Charlie B. Godfrey and Margaret Loretta Bollinger Godfrey.

Mrs. Hursh was very active in politics and served as the district Democratic chairwoman in Wichita, Kan., for 25 years. She was active in the Methodist church and was a Sunday school teacher.

She was very involved in the Bridgeport School District and started the parent-teacher association the first year her family moved to the district in 1950.

She was honored with an Indigenous Women's "Rosie the Riveter" award in 2007 as one of the last living Native American women in Wichita who worked as a riveter in the armaments industry during World War II.

Following her retirement, Mrs. Hursh volunteered as a foster grandparent.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charlie B. "Buddy" and Kenneth; and two sisters, Cora May and Loretta.

She is survived by two sons, Daniel and Keith; two daughters, Judy and Pam; and a sister, Mona Lee.

David Lane Duty

David Lane Duty, 50, died June 23, 2008 at his home after a 17-month long battle with cancer. He was born May 26, 1958 to Richard and Sue Duty.

He grew up in Ada, Okla., lived in Kansas for a few years where he graduated from Topeka High School and spent some time in Texas where he attended the University of North Texas before returning to Ada.

Mr. Duty served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps from January 1980 through January 1984, Semper Fi.

He was one-quarter Chickasaw and a direct descendant of former Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Palmer Mosley. He was enormously proud of his Chickasaw heritage and enjoyed working for his tribe.

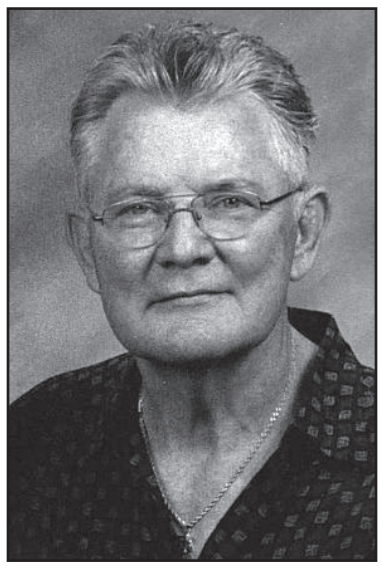
He was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ada, where he was currently serving as a deacon.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sue Duty; his paternal grandparents, Richard, Sr., and Mae Duty; and his maternal grandparents

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Duty and their five children, Andrew, 18, Katelyn, 16, Madelyn, 15, Emily, 12, and Hannah, 7, all of Ada; his father, Richard and his wife, Betty Duty, of Ada; three sisters, Holly Easterling and Susan Rogers, both of Ada, and Teresa Duty, of Santa Fe, N.M.; five brothers, Clinton Duty, of Tulsa, Stan Rogers and wife Vicki, of Mechanicsville, Ga., Steve Rogers, and wife Patti, of Stillwater, Okla., Sam Rogers and wife Mary Anne, of Santa Fe, and Scott Rogers and wife Nicole, of Albuquerque; nephews, Michael Smola, Cedar Easterling, Quinton Duty, and Zachery Duty and wife Sarah, of Tulsa, Seth Rogers, Justin Vigil, and Cory Rogers; nieces, Julia Smola, Karlee Duty, Sarah Rogers, Claire Snelson and husband Joe, Stephanie Rogers, Samantha Sanders and husband Ryan, and Kay Rogers; great-nephew Caden; and great-niece Kylie; and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

Memorial services were June 30, 2008 at First Christian Church, Ada, with Rev. Vicki Crooks officiating.

John V. Patterson



John V. Patterson III, died Nov. 30, 2007. Servives were Dec. 4 at Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with interment following in Resthaven Memory Gardens. He was born July 18, 1946 in Shreveport, Louisiana, to John and Peggy (Harper) Patterson.

He loved to laugh and joke and he volunteered at Glorietta and the Civic Center. His greatest joy was sharing the love of Jesus.

He was a diabetic, a double amputee and a heart transplant recipient. He waited one month in Presbyterian Hospital for a heart transplant. When the heart became available, he graciously gave up that heart to a younger man. He received a better-suited heart one week later. That heart lasted him 11 ½ years.

His many hobbies included being a Ham Radio operator and his love of fishing.

Mr. Patterson and his wife Karen, are members of the First Bapist Church, Moore, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a daughter, Jennifer McCoy Lane.

He is survived by his wife Karen, of the home; a son John B. Patterson and wife Allison, of Red Oak, Okla.; a brother, Ty; three sisters, Phyllis Elliston, Evelyn Patterson and Denise Patterson; a son-in-law Jim Lane; three grandchildren, Zoe, Logan and Clayton Lane; a brother-in-law John Duncan; a sister-in-law, Janice Blankenbiller; and many friends.

Mr. Patterson was very proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

Mary Ann Morehead

Services for Mary Ann Hatton Morehead, 46, Stratford, Okla., were June 12, 2008 at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home, Ada, Okla., with Rev. Lewis Perry officiating. Burial followed in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Stonewall, Okla.

Mrs. Morehead died June 10, 2008, at an Ada hospital. She was born Nov. 14, 1961, at Ada to Leroy Hatton and Louise Hulsey Hatton.

She married Christopher Morehead in August 1981 at Great Lakes Naval Training Depot in Illinois.

Mrs. Morehead served in the United States Navy from 1979 until 1996 when she retired after working numerous duty stations in the United States and abroad.

Petty Officer Morehead enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1979. Her initial duty station was the Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Conn. While at Groton, she completed the Hospital Corpsman Third Class course.

She served as a Command Post Radio Operator at the Naval Air Station at Keflavik, Iceland. While in Keflavik, she received orders to "A" School at the Naval Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

Upon completion of Electronics Technician School at Great Lakes, she received a promotion to Petty Officer Third Class. Petty Officer Morehead attended Tactical Airborne Navigation "C" School and reported to North Island Naval Air Station, San Diego. She later completed Cryptography School at Combat Systems Technical School Command, Vallejo, Calif.

Following her transfer to Commander Fleet Activities, Okinawa, Japan, she was promoted to Petty Officer Second Class. While in Japan, she maintained the unit's cryptographic equipment. She transferred to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1987.

In Hawaii she was promoted to Petty Officer First Class and served as Leading Petty Officer of the electronics test equipment repair section. Her exceptional service at this duty station lead to her recruitment for Presidential Duty at the White House.

From 1991 through 1996, Petty Officer Morehead served on the White House Communications Agency. She supervised maintenance of 18 presidential motorcade communications vehicles as Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge. She traveled extensively with the President and Vice President as a radio systems team member.

Petty Officer Morehead's decorations include the Presidential Service Badge, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal (2), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2), Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Overseas Service Ribbon.

She attended Free Will Baptist Church in Stratford.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leroy Hatton.

She is survived by her husband, Christopher Morehead, Beaufort, S.C.; a son, Matthew Morehead, Stratford; a daughter, Jennifer Morehead, Lancaster, Penn.; her mother and stepfather, Louise and John Ens, Ada; four brothers, Bobby Hatton and his wife Tanis, David Hatton and his wife Joanna, Robbie Hatton and his wife Dianna, and Tracy Hatton and his wife Charlotte, all of Ada; three sisters, Judy Shulanberger and her husband Eddie, of Roff, Okla., Norma Williams and her husband Michael, of Fittstown, Okla., and Terry Thompson and her husband R.C., of Bartlesville, Okla.; 23 nieces and nephews; and 26 great-nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Barbara Ann Futischa

Services for Barbara Ann Futischa, 61, Ada, Okla., were May 20 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel. Revs. Willie Fish and Jerry Parnacher officiated. Burial followed in Boiling Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. Futischa died May 15, 2008, at a local hospital. She was born July 29, 1946, at Centrahoma, Okla., to Jefferson and Rose Tekubie Gibson.

She attended grade school at Centrahoma and graduated from Sequoyah High School at Tahlequah, Okla. She attended Bacone College and East Central University studying billing coding. She moved to the Ada area in 1966 from Coalgate, Okla.

She married Roy Eugene Futischa Jan. 12, 1991, at Ada.

Mrs. Futischa was a housekeeper at the Lazer Zone, a member of Ada First Indian Baptist Church, a director for the Women Missionary Union for two years, a Sunday school teacher and a teacher for Vacation Bible School.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Futischa, of the home; three daughters, Brenda Rowland and husband Jody, and Donna Ward and husband, James, all of Ada, and Diane Lynn and husband Chris, McAlester, Okla.; two sons, Brian Futischa and wife Ronda, and Jonathan Futischa and wife Mary Lowden, all of Ada; a sister, Emma Francis and husband Mike, Coalgate; a brother, James Tekubie, Colorado Springs; grandchildren, Shawn, Tracey, Darrell and Brianna Futischa, all of Ada, Isaiah Harjo, Ada, Alexis Futischa, Olney, Okla., Jasmine Walker and Anthony Stonecipher, Ada, Jessica Walker, Ada, Jody Rowland Jr. , Ada, and Andrew, Ashley and Kaylee Lynn, McAlester; and great-grandchildren, Kaiden, Naomi, and Bradley Harjo, Ada, and Stetson Stonecipher, Ada.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jefferson Gibson and Rosa Tekubie Gibson Miller; a brother, Wallace Tekubie; and her grandmother, Lula Miller.

Bearers were Brian Francis, Michael Francis, Mark Francis, Lucus Dickens, R.D. Dickens, Randy Dickens, Lewis Futischa, Charles Casey Tekubie, and Jimmy Coody.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.Adaeveningnews.com.

Erie Bernice Cravatt

Services for Erie Bernice Cravatt, 89, of Connerville, Okla., were June 5 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, Okla., with the Rev. Robert Sanders officiating. Burial followed in Seeley-Blue Cemetery in Connerville.

Mrs. Cravatt died Sunday, June 1, 2008 at a local hospital. She was born Oct. 20, 1918 in Johnston County, Okla., to Tennie Grayson.

She attended Carter Seminary in Ardmore and was of the Methodist faith. She was a homemaker and ranched with her husband.

Her husband, Darias Cravatt, died in 1987.

Survivors include a daughter, LaHoma Harrison, Albuquerque; a son, Darias Cravatt, Jr., Minnesota; four grandchildren, Cynthia Ann Harrison, Albuquerque, Ronda Jo Drawbaugh and husband Freddy, Ada, Kym Cravatt, Holdenville, Okla., Jay Patrick Cravatt and wife, Pamela, Tahlequah, Okla.; a brother, Charlie Carter, Connerville; two sisters, Vinola Brown, Connerville, and Minnie Gipson, Pontotoc, Okla.; two great-grandchildren, Tina Gilmore and husband Nick, Ada, and Chris Drawbaugh, Ada; and great-great-grandsons, Sheicona, Kaden and Darias Gilmore, all of Ada.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her mother; a daughter, Beverly Tallbird; and a sister, Wanda Wagon.

Bearers were Harlean Hamilton, Byron Self, A.D. Tallbird, D. Scott Colbert, Tony Choate and Nick Gilmore.

Honorary bearers were Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel.

Lacey Jo Burns

Lacey Jo Burns died April 16, 2008 after a hospital stay of 42 days. Funeral services were April 19, 2008 at Stilwell, Oklahoma's First Baptist Church with Bro. Steve Patterson officiating. Interment followed in Stilwell City Cemetery.

Lacey was born Feb. 12, 1994 in Tahlequah, Okla., to Blakely Allen and Leisa Jo Green Burns. She was a member of Bunch Baptist Church and in the eighth grade at Stilwell Middle School where she was on the basketball, softball and track teams.

Lacey was Chickasaw and a direct descendant of I. Hunter Pickens.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Charles Burns; and great-grandparents, Maxine Orr, Betty Jo Leatherwood, and Henry and Dona Green.

She is survived by her parents; brothers, Blane Burns and Jarret Simmons; step-father, John Simmons; step-mother, Jamie Burns; grandparents, Mary Jo and Elwin Green, AnnaMae Burns, and Howard and Debbie Dorsey; uncles, Bret Green and family, Brad Burns and family, Bobby Burns; and an aunt, Beverly Phillips and family.

A scholarship fund has been set up at the Stilwell school in Lacey's name where she will forever be 14.

Mildred Jean Brock

Mildred Jean "Neena" Brock, 69, died May 27, 2008. Services were May 30, 2008 at Sandusky Avenue Christian Church. She was born April 7, 1939 to James and Inez Adcock at Bristow, Okla.

She enjoyed going to the lake with her husband, Allen, and their grandchildren. She also enjoyed working on her cross stitch projects and giving them to family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Allen J. Brock; three children and their spouses, Jay and Janeen Grooms, Mark and Teota Watson, and James and Jane Ann Brock; eight grandchildren, Mariah Grooms, Jackson and Julian Watson, Olivia and Allen James Brock, Michelle Watson, Carin Riley and Krystle Watson; two brothers and their spouses, Hoytt and Ruth Adcock, and William and Joyce Adcock; and sisters-in-law, Bobbie Adcock and Joann Adcock.

Harvey Leroy Leslie

Harvey Leroy Leslie, 80, of Newalla, Okla., died May 30, 2008 in Oklahoma City. He was born Jan. 10, 1928 in rural Stonewall, Okla., to William Ingram and Nannie (Wade) Leslie. Services were June 4, 2008 at Barnes Friederich Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Leslie was a member of the McLoud Masonic Lodge #126 and 32nd degree Mason, member of VFW, Eastern Star, DAV Chapter #39 and Scottish Rite of Guthrie, Okla.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. On April 9, 1963 in Sulphur, Okla., he married Mildred A. Vick Stevens. Together, they raised a large family and instilled hard working values into their children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Sharon Meiterhauf; son, George Monroe Vick, Jr.; seven brothers, Walter (Pete), Otto, Oral, John, J.D., Glen and Tom; three sisters, Lilly, Maud and Lena.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred A. Leslie; children, Jack and Sheila Vick, Robert Steven and Ronda Vick, Joe and Krestin Vick, Janet Gann, Mary Stockton, Cindy and Joe Lowery, Jerry and Robert Rice and Patricia Gomez; 23 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruby Akins and Francis Herridge and husband Marvin; and a host of other relatives and friends including numerous nieces and nephews.

Note of thanks

The Family of Barbara Ann Futischa would like to thank all of the Chickasaw Nation for their help and support during their loss.

Thank You to all the staff of Carl Albert Indian Hospital and Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City for taking special care of Barbara.

A Special Thank You to Ada First Indian Baptist Church for all their help, Criswell Funeral Home, Merry Monroe, Pat Petsemoie, Rev. Jerry Parnacher and Rev. Willie Fish for a peaceful service.

To all the friends and family members, we appreciate the food, flowers, money, prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls, in the loss of our Wife, Mother, and Grandmother.

God Bless all of you!

Thank You from

Roy Futischa, Brian Futischa, Johnathan Futischa, Brenda Rowland, Diana Lynn and Donna Ward and Family